

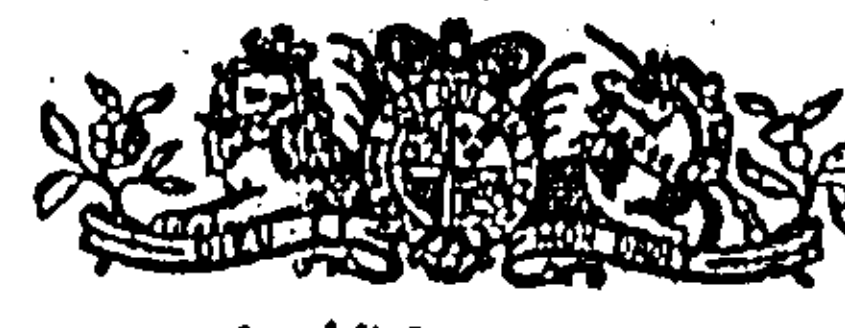
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The Nancy Moller's Movements A Secret

Singapore, May 20.

The movements of the British freighter, *Nancy Moller* (2,942 tons), which was turned back to Singapore on Friday while on a voyage to China with a cargo of 3,700 tons of Malayan rubber, were still an official secret today.

Shipping circles estimated that the *Nancy Moller* should reach Singapore tomorrow but the Navy authorities remained silent.

The Panamanian freighter *Nor Bay* (2,283 tons), which has on board 740 tons of rubber, bought for Communist China, was still at anchor off the Singapore Roads today under armed police guards.

The British Government requisitioned the *Nancy Moller* and her cargo on Friday under wartime defence regulation No. 53, which is still in force.

One of the Singapore English-language papers said in an editorial prepared for tomorrow that the Governments of Singapore and Malaya had "shown a lamentable indecision" on the question of enforcing the British Government's ban on the export of rubber to China.

"It can be assumed that China is stockpiling rubber and it is only right, while the risk of war exists, that a potential enemy must be denied strategic materials," the paper said.—*Reuter*.

Idea Not Liked

Washington, May 20.

A United States official said today that a London report that a British admiral might be named to the Atlantic Command of the North Atlantic Pact Organisation appeared to be purely a British proposal. He said the idea, which apparently leaked out of the Atlantic Council of Deputies in London, would not be well received by either the US Joint Chiefs of Staff or the majority of Pact nations.—*United Press*.

Butcher Goes Berserk

Leghorn, May 20.

A butcher was arrested here early today for allegedly stabbing to death his wife, mother-in-law and two cousins.

The butcher, Clementino Nuti, aged 31, was yesterday sentenced at the small town of Porcari to one month's imprisonment for ill-treating his wife.

He was released on probation and returned home as his wife, Filomena, 29, and her mother were going to bed.

The police alleged that Nuti fetched a butcher's knife and stabbed both women.

Running into the street brandishing the knife, Nuti saw two of his wife's cousins, a man and his wife, he stabbed them and left both dead on the pavement.

The police who arrested him quoted Nuti as saying, "Now I don't mind going to jail."—*Reuter*.

Mad Moor Chase: Banknote Clue

Casablanca, May 20.

A bloodstained banknote today gave a clue to the whereabouts of "the Mad Moor," Mohammed Douali, who murdered seven people in the Atlas Mountains last week.

The note was found on a Moroccan tradesman, who admitted he sold food to the killer and a companion last Wednesday. Twelve thousand police, Moroccan troops and Foreign Legionnaires are hunting the Moor.

A blue-eyed, bearded ex-soldier, he shot a corporal, his mistress's husband, in a small Atlas village 12 days ago, then took to the hills with the dead man's rifle and 21 cartridges.

On Sunday, he held up a car and shot two of the occupants dead, wounding two others. Later that day he killed a motorcyclist and his pillion passenger.

On Monday he shot two more people, a man and a girl of 23.—*Reuter*.

Judgment Against Chennault In Airlines Claim FAILURE TO ESTABLISH OWNERSHIP

The claim by the Civil Air Transport Incorporated for the return of 40 aircraft from the Central Air Transport Corporation was dismissed by the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, in the Supreme Court this morning, when his Lordship held that the plaintiffs had failed to establish ownership or right to the aircraft.

The Court found that right to ownership was vested in the Central People's Government.

His Lordship further directed that any appeal against his judgment must be brought within two months.

In a lengthy judgment which took 35 minutes to read, the Chief Justice reviewed the events leading up to the action, the effect of recognition by HM Government of the Central People's Government and the status of Formosa.

He said that the transaction (which plaintiffs claimed was a valid sale by the National Government of China on December 12, 1949, to the Chennault-Willauer partnership, from whom plaintiffs later acquired the property of the C.A.T.C. through a valid resale) was inimicable and hostile to the interests of the Central People's Government, and was designed to embarrass the Central People's Government.

His Lordship said he found the aircraft were held by the National Government of China as trustees, and that the property was owned and controlled by the Government of China which was then in control of the great mass of Chinese territory.

The Chief Justice held that as from October 1, 1949, when Peking proclaimed the establishment of the Central People's Government, the aircraft owned by the Central People's Government. He further found that the plaintiff Corporation had failed to establish ownership or right to the aircraft in Hongkong, and that the right to ownership was vested in the Central People's Government.

Remarking that there must be a finality to the matter, his Lordship directed that any appeal against the decision must be brought within two months of the date of the judgment.

It will be recalled that Sir Walter Monckton, KC, M.P., eminent leader of the English Bar, came from England specially to assist in the trial which was heard on March 27 and 28. The C.A.T.C. did not put in an appearance and were not represented by Counsel.

Appearing with Sir Walter were the Hon Leo d'Almeida, KC, Mr John McNeill, KC, and Mr D.A.L. Wright, all instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist.

Also assisting Sir Walter was Mr R. I. Threlfall who also came from the United Kingdom for the case.

For the first time in the history of the Colony's Courts a microphone and wire-recorder were installed for Counsel. The hearing attracted much interest and there were present many spectators, including several lawyers and Americans.

Off To US In A Yacht

Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, May 20.

Two young men hoisted the sail of their 20-foot home-made yacht here today and set out for America.

They were Stanley Smith and Charles Violet, who hope to steer their tiny vessel, the *Nova Espera*, into New York harbour in about 90 days' time.

They have been at Yarmouth six days taking on stores and making last preparations after an official send-off from London last week.

The yacht will carry the latest lightweight device to make sea water drinkable. These are packets of chemicals each giving four pints of pure drinking water. One hundred packets are on board.—*Reuter*.

Persian Oil Dispute

British Proposal Rejected

Teheran, May 20.

The Iranian government rejected the British demand for arbitration of the oil nationalisation dispute today and leaders of the official National Front Party accused the United States of "unwarranted interference" in Iranian affairs.

The Finance Minister, Mohammed Ali Vazir, notified the "former Anglo-Iranian Oil Company" that its demand for arbitration was unacceptable. Leaders of the National Front Party of the Prime Minister, Mohammed Mossadeq, accused the United States of mixing in the oil dispute on Britain's behalf and said its policy was pushing Iran toward Communism. They called a mass meeting for Tuesday in the Majlis square to protest against "America's unwarranted interference and Britain's threats against us."

A top Iranian official said the Moslem clergy would declare a "holy war" against Britain unless the British government ceased "intimidations and threats" and added that nothing the United States State Department or Britain said would keep Iran from nationalising the oil industry.

US INTERFERENCE

The official was Hossein Makki, a Majlis Deputy and Secretary General of the National Front. He made the statements in Parliament—statements which may be considered the government's views on the latest British note and the State Department's message of May 18 on the Iranian oil situation.

Mr Makki said: "We imagined that the American government learned its lesson through bitter experience by supporting (the assassinated Premier Ali) Razmara, and would now back public opinion. Even if the American government did not give this support, it was at least expected not to help the oil company usurpers in the war against the Iranian nation. If the American government again wishes to interfere in our affairs it will find all roads closed to it, then a situation will arise where Communist influence will increase and bring about a revolution. It seems Britain wants the Iranian nation, against its open desire, pushed toward Communism."

Mr Makki said Iran was like a gunpowder store which needed only a match to ignite the entire world into war.

"The British Empire must know that if this gunpowder store caught fire, the British Empire would be burned sooner than us in that fire."

Mr Makki said the Moslem clergy would "declare a holy war against the British unless their stupid threats and intimidations cease."

He said the National Front, official leader, Seyyed Abol-Hasan Khatami, had called a mass meeting for Tuesday in Parliament square to "protest against unwarranted American interference and Britain's threats against us."—*United Press*.

3 YEARS' HARD LABOUR FOR HOCKBRIDGE

Pleads Guilty At Sessions

Standing in the dock of the Criminal Sessions this morning, Ronald Charles Thomas Hockbridge, 29-year-old merchant, pleaded guilty to possession of two automatic pistols and 36 rounds of small arms ammunition and was sentenced by Mr Justice Gould to three years' hard labour.

In passing sentence, his Lordship said, "As you know this is a crime which is always regarded as being very serious in this Colony. You have flagrantly disregarded the law of the Colony."

Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr B. N. Cooper, of Wilkinson and Grist, for the accused made a strong plea in mitigation and said that Hockbridge had already suffered enough for his thoughtlessness, foolishness and imprudence.

Prosecuting, Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, said that possession of the guns and ammunition only came to the attention of the Police when the accused was called in to investigate the death of the accused's wife, Mrs Gwyneth Hockbridge. The body of Mrs Hockbridge was discovered by her amah on the bed in her bedroom in their flat in Dina House. She had been shot through the head and one of the revolvers in question was found beside her. There could be no doubt that she was shot by this revolver.

At this time the accused and Miss Bo-hing Chan were in the sitting room which was some little distance away.

When they were informed of the tragedy they went to see Mrs Hockbridge and later the doctor was sent for. At some time, although it was not quite clear on the evidence, Miss Chan took up the revolver which had been lying on the bed and she went across to the sitting room where she saw the accused on the verandah with another revolver in his hand. She saw him put this weapon into a trunk and cover it with clothing, and then when the accused went out of the room she took the gun out of the trunk and threw it over the verandah into the street below where it was later found by the Police in four pieces.

Miss Chan then hid the other automatic, with which the shooting was done, in a bookcase where it was discovered by the Police. It was loaded with seven rounds, one of which was in the breach.

In the trunk on the verandah, Inspector Roberts found three magazines with seven rounds in each and later, when making an inventory of the contents of the trunk, he found a further magazine.

A death enquiry was subsequently held and it was found by the jury that Mrs Hockbridge had committed suicide.

SERIOUS OFFENCE

"I am instructed to say that the Crown takes a most serious view of this case," said Mr Reynolds. "As your Lordship well knows the possession of arms and ammunition without a licence in this Colony at the present time is regarded as a most serious offence and any person who has lived here for a long time, like the accused, has done must know that."

Crown Counsel said that this was not a case of keeping useless souvenirs. These two weapons were in good working order and one had actually been fired. There was evidence that if the four pieces of the revolver found in the street were assembled the weapon would be in perfectly good working order.

Another serious aspect of this offence was the apparent carelessness with which the accused kept the revolvers. His wife appeared to have no difficulty in possessing herself of the revolver and she apparently must have found it already loaded. To keep a gun of this type in a trunk showed great carelessness.

Pleading in mitigation, Mr Wright said that when ascertaining the degree of the accused's culpability in relation to this case, there were mitigating factors, which merited and justified his Lordship's serious consideration. In other cases, the Court admittedly viewed possession of arms in a serious light, but in his submission there were circumstances in this particular case which differentiated it from other cases where

heavy sentences had been imposed.

Both of these pistols were acquired as a result of the accused meeting Naval officers at social gatherings. The larger pistol was a Remington Rand of the normal United States Army issue. That was offered to the accused (who had been an officer himself) by a Naval officer in October last year. This officer had acquired the gun during operations in Korea and he was on his way to the United Kingdom when he met the accused during the course of a social gathering. He offered it to him and unfortunately the accused accepted the weapon. The other gun was also offered by a Naval officer at a social gathering and was accepted by the accused's wife. This officer was also bound for the United Kingdom.

The accused took full responsibility in that he did not discourage his wife from accepting it. Both guns were kept with other valuable belongings in a trunk. The accused's amah had stated that she never saw the guns before the incident as a result of which the accused's wife committed suicide.

Mr Wright stressed that Hockbridge did not deliberately go out of his way to ask for and acquire these weapons. It was, Counsel suggested, symptomatic of human frailty that weapons of this sort should hold fascination for people. It was well known that in wartime operations these weapons could easily be picked up and a person who had seen active service acquired a familiarity with arms and would not view with possession of it such apprehensions and qualms than the ordinary layman. Such a person was less likely to contemplate that he was flouting the law by possession.

Dealing with Hockbridge's Service career, Mr Wright said that in 1940-41 the accused was in the Navy here and lived in Repulse Bay. He had a gun and ammunition of the Service issue with the consent of the Naval authorities.

"When the accused stands before your Lordship," said Counsel, "he is not a person undeserving of clemency and not being entitled to ask for it. He has served his country and the Empire well. His Service record shows the type of person he is and that he is not the type of person to have these weapons in his possession for any felonious or criminal purpose."

Mr Wright said that Hockbridge was 29 and joined the Royal Navy in April, 1941, at the age of 19. From 1941 to 1943 he served on destroyers with the Home Fleet and during that period was engaged on Russian and Malta convoys which were counted as some of the most hazardous operations of the war. He was also engaged on patrols in the Atlantic and Fleet screening operations. They were frequently under attack by air and by submarines.

In April, 1943, he was commissioned as Sub-Lieutenant in the RNVR and after that up to early 1944 he was engaged on convoy and escort duties in the Atlantic and the Caribbean. From 1944 to early 1945 he served on the Staff of the Northern Approaches based on Liverpool and Belfast. He received accelerated promotion to Lieutenant in April 1945.

In October of that year he was despatched to Sydney to join the British Pacific Fleet and some weeks afterwards was posted to Hongkong as Staff (Continued on Page 10, Col. 6)

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Another Major Disaster

YESTERDAY'S destruction of more than 200 squatters' huts, rendering 1,500 people homeless was another major fire disaster, relieved only by the fact that there was no loss of life. The occurrence re-emphasises the omnipresent danger of uncontrollable fires breaking out in these settlements and raises the query whether the Authorities are being sufficiently strict in imposing fundamental precautions against fire hazards where squatters congregate. One of the unhappy features of yesterday's blaze was the fact that although regular fire fighting appliances were rushed to the scene with commendable speed, and that firemen fought the flames with resolution, it was literally impossible to prevent the destruction of an entire settlement. The lesson to be learnt is that unless fire fighting apparatus of some description is immediately available at the seat of the fire, little or no chance exists for subduing these conflagrations before the flames have consumed most or all of a settlement. Following disastrous fires in squatters areas in Kowloon, Government insisted that future settlements should be laid out in such a way as to provide for fire lanes—a wise and necessary precaution. Subsequently squatters in their settlements were encouraged to form voluntary fire fighting units for the

purpose of trying to arrest the progress of a fire, thus giving the fire brigade a reasonable chance of dealing effectively with the blaze before it had reached uncontrollable proportions. This too can be regarded as highly commendable. It would seem, however, that the Authorities should make this a compulsory precaution. The existence of fire extinguishers, strategically placed in various parts of a squatter settlement, and ready to be manned by hut dwellers trained in the handling of them, represents a commonsense precaution. Nor should it be very difficult to convince squatters of the value of learning to handle fire extinguishers in an emergency. Each blaze of the magnitude of yesterday's outbreak means the loss of dwelling huts, and in many cases the loss of everything the squatters possess. That grave danger alone provides a sufficient stimulus for squatters to form their own emergency fire fighting units, for it is reasonably certain that an outbreak tackled quickly can be brought under control, at least sufficiently to give the fire brigade a definite chance of preventing an entire settlement being razed. No squatter settlement should be permitted to exist without the presence of an emergency fire fighting unit equipped with extinguishers.

Has The Kremlin A New Policy?

IT is impossible to regard the so-called moves and rumours of moves for bringing about a global settlement between the East and West without scepticism. Nevertheless it would be unwise to dismiss them peremptorily. Some observers find significance in two coincidences. The first is that the chief mouthpiece of the Soviet Politburo has printed in full a proposal by a United States Senator that a Korean armistice should be arranged on June 25, the first anniversary of the Korean conflict. Simultaneously, Mr Gromyko makes an unexpected proposal to the deadlocked Big Four deputies in Paris which, it is considered, may open the way for

definite progress in their discussions. If any import is to be placed on these two developments it is because it is generally recognised that both the cessation or continuance of hostilities in Korea depends principally on the Kremlin; likewise it will be Stalin and his advisers who will decide whether or not reality should be brought to the Big Four conferences. It is conceivable, therefore, that the Kremlin is preparing for a new policy, of conciliation, even if only temporarily, both in the East and West. But, not unnaturally, the Democracies will require rather more tangible evidence from the Russians to be satisfied on the point.

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Navy Shore Patrols Discontented

"Flare-up" Revealed This Afternoon

Discontent among members of the Navy Shore Patrol led to a flare-up this morning.

"Repeated complaints made by ratings," said an able seaman, have not been acknowledged by the appropriate authorities.

"These complaints have been put in by individuals, but as far as we know they have not been passed on to the Captain," he added.

A/B J. Gay, acting as spokesman explained that the men were on duty for 24 hours and then they had 24 hours off followed by a further 24 hours on "stand-by".

He added that there was no objection to this but on the 24 hours off and the stand-by periods the men were called on to perform other duties such as washing their three sets of "whites", and cleaning the mess when they should be resting.

A/B Gay said that he was now wearing glasses—not allowed by the Navy regulations. This was caused by the continuous work acting as a driver.

He pointed out that he and one other man had had accidents through sitting at the wheels of their vehicles on long stretches.

Leading Seaman J. Hope said that there had been discontent in the unit for a considerable period and now the men had reached the end of their tether. The unit was ordered to clean up their mess-room by 4 o'clock this afternoon and when interviewed they informed the China Mail that they had no intention of doing so.

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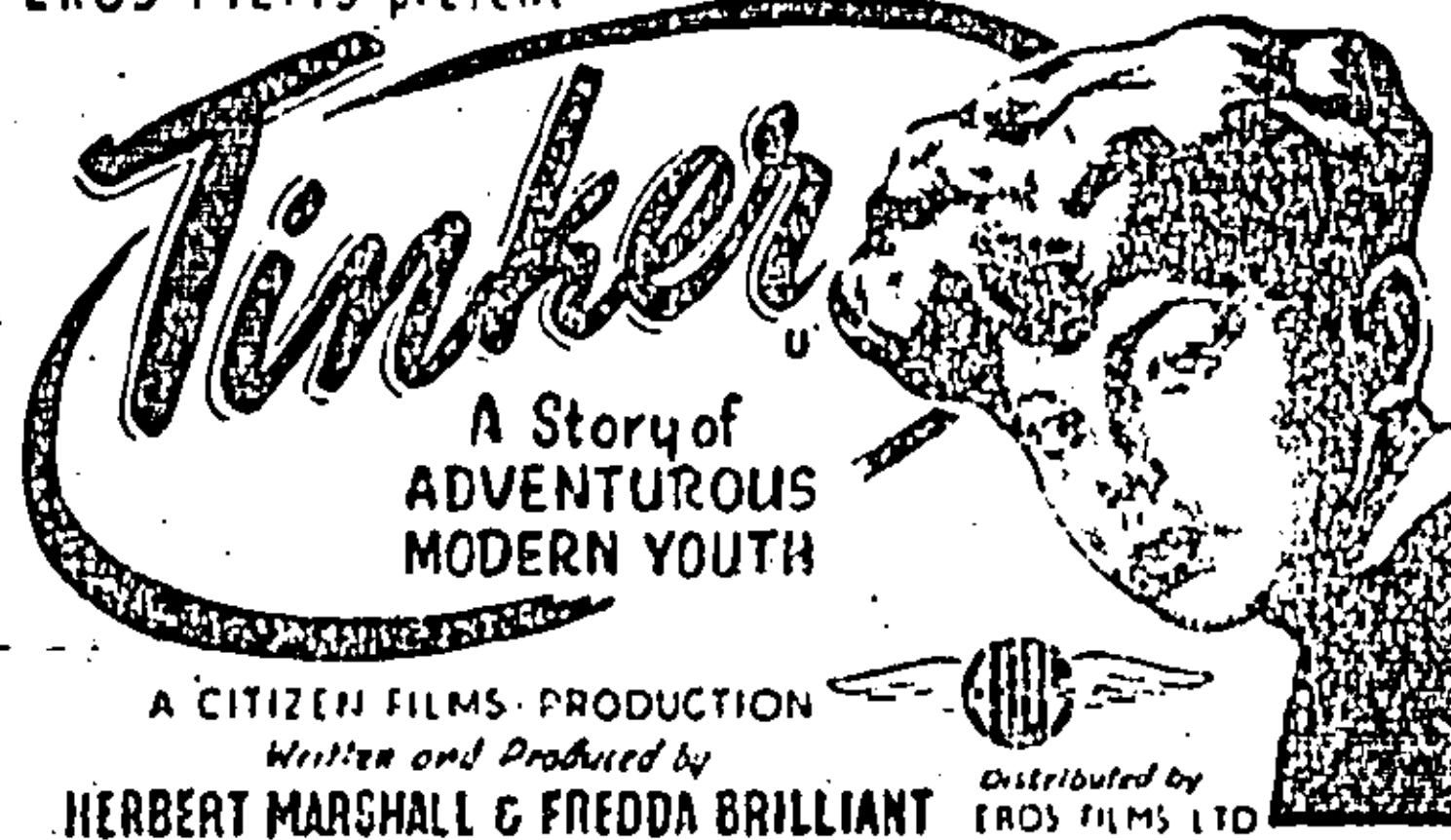
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GUARD SWEARS TO DEFEND POPE



A new recruit to the Swiss Guard at the Vatican places his left hand on the striped Swiss Guard flag, raises his right hand and swears to defend the Pope. The ceremony was held in the Vatican courtyard. — AP Photo.

Four Nations To Be Put "On Trial"

Brussels, May 20.
Russia, Spain, Yugoslavia and Greece will "go on trial" here tomorrow on charges of herding up their citizens in concentration camps.

The mock trial, due to last a week, is being held in public by the International Commission Against Concentration Regimes, many of whose members are survivors of Nazi horror camps.

In the "Court Room" evidence will be given by 25 people who have escaped from Soviet camps.

Russia will be accused No. 1—tried in her absence.

The anti-concentrationist Commission had written to the Governments of the four "suspect" countries suggesting on the spot enquiries by its accredited members.

Spain, Yugoslavia and Greece agreed in principle and said that they were prepared to welcome investigators as soon as minor questions of detail were settled.

The Soviet Government alone failed to reply.—Reuter.

Surprise Move By Guatemala

Guatemala City, May 20.

Guatemala's sudden decision yesterday to reopen her frontier with British Honduras was generally thought here to be to help industry in the Peten region bordering the British colony.

No official explanation was forthcoming from the Guatemalan Government, but it was unofficially made clear that the move in no way affected Guatemala's repeated claims to sovereignty over the British territory.—Reuter.

Mr. Nehru's Assurance To Editors

New Delhi, May 20.

Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, was understood to have assured Indian editors today that his bill amending the Constitution now pending before Parliament was in no way intended to restrict the freedom of the Press.

His assurance was given to a deputation of 12 editors led by the President of the All-Indian Newspaper Editors' Conference, Mr. Dashbandhu Gupta.

The deputation called on Mr. Nehru to express their concern at provisions of the bill proposing to give the State power to restrict freedom of speech and expression in the interest of public order and of friendly relations with foreign States.

More than 30 editors and representatives of Indian newspapers have been meeting here in camera since yesterday, were perturbed by the bill which has aroused countrywide controversy.

A select committee of Parliament is now examining the bill and will report on it to the House on Wednesday.

After today's meeting, the editors' President sent a letter to Mr. Nehru conveying their views on the results of the day.

The editors are meeting again tomorrow.—Reuter.

Indo-American Consultations

New York, May 20.

Mr. Hrishabh Patel, Secretary of the Indian Ministry of Finance, arrived here today by air from London to confer with the Indian Supply Mission and U.S. State and Defence Departments' officials in Washington.

The talks, he said, would be on problems of mutual interest. His visit would concern mainly supplies. He would travel to Canada after his Washington visit for similar consultations.—Reuter.

Speculation Over New Peace Moves In Korea War

SMALLER NATIONS INTERESTED IN INDIAN DELEGATE'S DECLARATION

New York, May 20.

There was no confirmation here today of reports that the Indian delegation to the United Nations was sounding out other missions on the possibility of getting both sides in the Korean war to agree not to cross the 38th Parallel again.

The reverse, however, appeared to be true, that some of the lesser delegations wished to consult with Sir Benegal Narsing Rau on the appeal he had made on Friday suggesting a United Nations declaration on the lines of General Matthew B. Ridgway's statement on March 12.

American sources said that there could be no official comment or reaction to the idea of agreeing to respect the Parallel because no such suggestion has been made formally.

Apart from the general bewilderment as to who could make such a suggestion "formally" enough to be taken up seriously, it was generally realised that a new factor had crept in.

That was that the United Nations were just now well below the 38th Parallel and that whatever might have been the position before the latest withdrawal, the United Nations could not very well countenance a proposal based on the Parallel when they had still to attain it once again.

Despite these and other discouraging factors, the hope that the 38th Parallel might still provide a focal point for a settlement lingered with many delegations.

One reason for this was that, during a recent interlude of "peace" rumours following General Marshall's testimony before the Senate Committee, even responsible newspapers had published reports that the United States would be willing to call a halt at the 38th Parallel on one major condition.

The condition was said to be that, in the event of another outbreak like Korea, all the major allies of the United States should declare themselves ready to attack the nerve centres of "aggression" instead of fighting a limited action "on the periphery."

The Foreign Minister called for:

1.—A reaffirmation of the three-power (Britain, the United States and France) declaration in 1948 that the whole of Trieste would be returned to Italy.

(The treaty divided the Free Territory of Trieste into two zones, one under joint Anglo-American control, the other under Yugoslav control).

2.—A relaxation of the military clauses of the peace treaty (drastically limiting Italy's army, navy and air force).

3.—The elimination of the economic clauses of the treaty, which "reflect unfavourably on certain branches of Italian industry and which represent an imposition by the victor on the vanquished."

4.—Decisive action by "friendly nations" to keep the promise in the treaty that Italy would be admitted to the United Nations organisation.—Reuter.

REBEL FORCE DISPERSED

Saigon, May 20.

Communist-led rebel forces lost 37 killed and 27 prisoners in the past 24 hours in actions on the Red River delta, a French communiqué said today.

The communiqué said that in North Vietnam, 13 kilometres south of Phay and 60 kilometres south of Hanoi, strong Franco-Vietnamese forces made contact with an important detachment of Vietminh troops.

After a local engagement the Communist rebel forces were dispersed.

In the south Vietnam region, French forces killed 21 rebels and captured 28. A quantity of arms also was captured.—United Press.

Chinese people, that the United States would adamantly refuse to support a move to seat Communist China in the United Nations and that the United States would endorse efforts to promote "insurrection" on the Chinese mainland.

Senator Taft said all the features of General MacArthur's policy were being adopted by the Government.

"A year ago we wouldn't even talk to Nationalist China," he said.

"THE WRONG WAR"

He charged that the President ordered the Seventh Fleet to prevent Chiang Kai-shek from attacking the mainland as much as to prevent invasion of Formosa. He denied Democratic charges that MacArthur's plan to bomb Manchurian bases would bring more risk of general war than the act of fighting in Korea itself.

"The only thing that would bring a Russian attack would be invasion of Russia itself," he declared.

In discussing the mission to Greece and the Berlin blockade, he said "We have risked war over and over again in Europe." In Korea, however, he said, "the President picked the wrong time and place" to resist aggression.

"We are in the wrong war now... We are going to stay there (in Korea) until the sun goes down under the President's policy."

PEACE HINT

Senator Taft agreed, however, that to abandon the war now would furnish an invitation to Russia and Communist China to continue aggression.

Senator McMahon countered that the present policy in Korea was designed to buy the time needed to rearm a free world. He knew of no negotiations for an early end to the war, but hinted that it might be concluded "sooner than we think." The big question in Korea was the same as it was in Greece and Turkey—"Whether we live as free men or slaves." The punishment being inflicted on the Chinese Communists might provide part of the answer.

Senator McMahon admitted, however, that relations between Congress and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson—centre of much of the foreign policy wrangling—have been in a state where the best co-operation could not occur.—United Press.

40-Year-Old Wins Speed Typing

Tokyo, May 20.

A 40-year-old Filipino is the international English typing champion of Japan.

Bonifacio S. Lintag, employed by Cusingco Company, won the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry's competition today. Co-sponsors were the American, British and French Chambers of Commerce.

Lintag averaged 85 words a minute to capture the trophy offered by Shigenori Yoshida, Premier and Foreign Minister.

Second was Miss Helen Mahr, 29, American typist for Eastern Air Force, with 79 words a minute.

Third was Miss Katherine M. Young, 25, British typist with the British Overseas Airways Corporation—70 words.—Associated Press.

Japanese Textile Exports

Draft Trade Plans Issued In Tokyo

Tokyo, May 20.

Japan plans to export textile fabrics this year to the total of \$719,000,000 or 62 per cent of her entire export earnings.

This was disclosed today by a draft trade programme for this fiscal year prepared by the Economic Stabilisation Board, a Japanese Government agency.

The draft programme, based on the Government's foreign currency acquisition plan, estimated that Japan would spend \$1,375,310,000 on imports.

Iron, steel and non-ferrous metals, the programme estimated, would rank as the year's second biggest export item constituting 19 per cent of the entire earnings. Machinery exports would total eight per cent.

On the imports list raw materials for textile spinning would come first, amounting to 34 per cent or \$250,000,000.

The second biggest export item would be food, 24 per cent or \$400,000,000. Other imports would include metallic and agricultural chemicals.

ESTIMATED FIGURES

The estimates of major export amounts in the draft programme were as follows:

Exports: Cotton yarn 40,000,000 lbs, raw silk 110,000 bales, rayon textiles 200,000,000 yards, silk textiles 58,000,000 yards, staple fibre textiles 120,000,000 yards, ammonium sulphate 800,000 tons, coal 400,000 tons, steel and secondary steel products 1,100,000 tons.

Imports: Rice 850,000 tons, wheat 1,800,000 tons, barley 750,000 tons, rock phosphate 1,000,000 tons, crude oil 17,950,000 barrels, raw cotton 1,750,000 bales, salt 1,500,000 tons, hard coking coal 2,120,000 tons, raw wool 400,000 bales, iron ore 3,800,000 tons.—Reuter.

Jesuit Priest Beatified By Pontiff

Vatican City, May 20.

A Jesuit priest through whose intercession two dying sufferers were claimed to have been cured 300 years after his own death was beatified and venerated by Pope Pius XII today.

The Jesuit, Jules Mainoir, is said to have regenerated Catholic life in Brittany in the 17th century after learning the Breton language in three days by the intervention of the Virgin Mary. He died in 1683, aged 77.

Two miracles accepted by the Vatican Congregation of Rites for his beatification were the curing of Yvonne Le Sott Bernay in 1921 when doctors expected her to die with concussion of the brain, and of Maria Gorniec, a tuberculosis sufferer who prayed at his tomb in 1931.

The Jesuit Order, the biggest religious order of the Catholic Church, now has 20 saints and 140 beatified members.—Reuter.

Along the Road of Progress

Joseph Priestly an Englishman, was the discoverer of oxygen. But his researches also extended in other directions. It was he, who originated a method for combining carbon dioxide gas with water—thus establishing the basis of effervescent drinks of today.

In Watson's modern bottling plant, carbonation is carried out on machines of the highest complexity. But the excellence of Watson's beverages partly finds its origin in the pioneering of such men as Priestley.

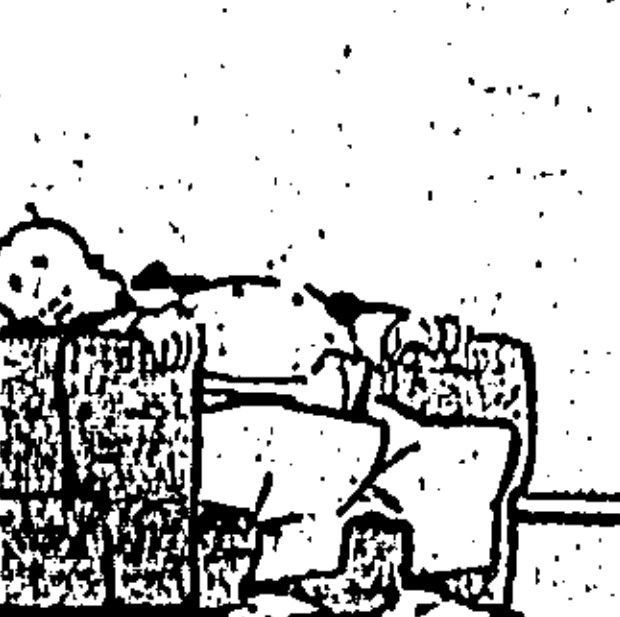
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U.S. ACCUSES RUSSIANS OF "CONNIVING AT AGGRESSION"

Moscow Plan For Japanese Treaty Turned Down

Washington, May 20.

The United States tonight accused Russia of conniving at aggression by seeking a Japanese peace treaty which would deny Japan the right of collective self-defence.

A Russian treaty-making plan, which the U.S. rejected in a note made public tonight, would bar foreign forces from Japan after the occupation ends and thereby block an arrangement for American troops to help provide Japanese security.

TO IGNORE ORDER BY THE UN

Haifa, May 20. Israeli workers returning from their week-end holiday prepared today to continue drainage operations on the Hula marshes in the Syrian border zone in spite of the Security Council resolution against such action.

Work on the marsh project in the demilitarized zone between Syria and Israel caused armed clashes between the two countries last month.

Local radio listeners took notice today a Damascus Radio warning not to continue the work. Technicians at the project had not been told about stopping work and the Security Council order was known to them only from newspapers.

They explained that by intensive despoiling of the Jordan River bed to stop spreading waters the task of regulating the river could be accomplished in a fortnight.

A concrete dam, now being prepared, would be used for diverting the river.

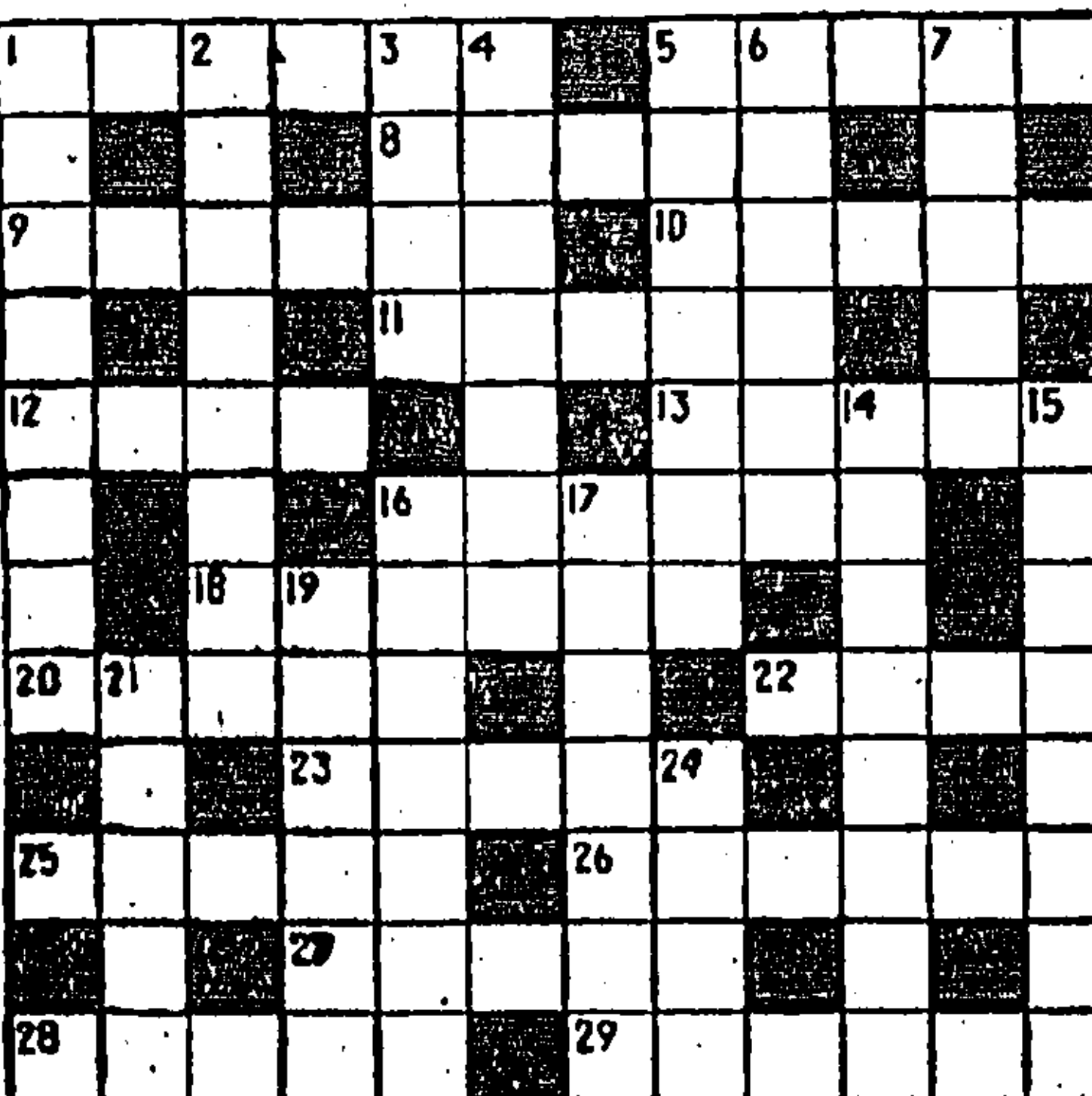
Except for the fortification of Syrian positions on the border of the demilitarized zone the Israelis reported seeing no troop movements. There was no indication of the presence of Iraqi units on the border.—Reuter.

WRECKED VESSEL STILL STUCK

San Francisco, May 20. The 7,000-ton Japanese freighter, Kenkoku Maru, which went aground 80 miles north of San Francisco in a fog on April 28, has been hauled into deeper water, the Coast Guard reported here today.

But tugs have been unable to free her. "She is bobbing about like a cork but something is still holding her," a Coast Guard officer said.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Extend (6).
- 5 Remains (6).
- 8 Wash out (5).
- 9 Wealth (6).
- 10 Traffic (6).
- 11 Worship (6).
- 12 Lily (4).
- 13 Lifesize (5).
- 14 Badge of royalty (6).
- 15 Spiritual meeting (6).
- 20 Vapour (5).
- 22 Festival (4).
- 23 Bars (5).
- 25 Splish (5).
- 26 Creature (6).
- 27 Weird (5).
- 28 Coin call (5).
- 29 Repaired (6).

DOWN

- 1 Domestic (8).
- 2 Resorting to (8).
- 3 Region (4).
- 4 Scorn (7).
- 5 Across (7).
- 6 Calm (6).
- 7 Berry-tree (5).
- 14 Preserved (6).
- 15 Added up (6).
- 16 Pecuniary reparation (7).
- 17 Hall (7).
- 18 Merited (6).
- 21 Curt (5).
- 24 Cut (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Wand, 7 Hardy, 8 Ache, 9 Gilt, 10 Compare, 12 Arch, 15 Ovine, 18 Used, 19 Proud, 21 Loner, 22 Roam, 23 Tract, 25 Mood, 26 Ashurst, 30 Pipe, 31 Diva, 32 Sneak, 33 Wide, Down: 1 Havoc, 2 Adipose, 4 Allen, 5 Data, 6 Chio, 9 Grid, 11 Avert, 13 Room, 14 Hide, 16 Epoch, 17 Glum, 18 Undo, 20 Nations, 22 Rate, 24 Rapid, 25 Essay, 27 Omit, 28 Draw.

PRINCESS VISITS DURHAM GUIDES



Princess Margaret (right), in Guide uniform, inspects Girl Guides on the green outside Durham Cathedral. On left is Miss Dorothy Watson, County Commissioner.—AP Photo.

Formosa Rules Out Invasion Attempt In Near Future

Taipei, May 20.

Despite increasing indications that the Chinese Communists might venture an invasion of Formosa, the feeling prevailing here is that this Nationalist island stronghold is safer than before.

Intelligence officers, although they do not believe a Communist invasion is imminent, today refused to rule out the possibility of invasion.

Here is their assessment of the Chinese Communist military strength along the seaboard facing Formosa.

There are three regular Red armies in Chekiang province, three in Fukien and two in North Kwangtung, totalling 300,000 men. In addition, local Red units and militia of about 400,000 men can be incorporated into the regular Red striking force at any moment.

There has been a recent increase in the number of Communist field pieces in Chekiang and Fukien, but certain crack units of Gen. Chen Yi's Third Field Army have been sent elsewhere, presumably Manchuria, and they have been replaced by local units.

The congregation of seafaring ships and junks still there is estimated at 4,000.

NUISANCE ATTACKS

Intelligence officers said the Chinese Communists are expected to make nuisance attacks on Nationalist island hold-outs close to the mainland, but are not likely to embark on an invasion attempt immediately.

However, they pointed out that 300,000 Red troops are in the central China city of Hankow and can be deployed anywhere—Manchuria or coastal areas.

They acknowledged that the Chinese Communists have never abandoned plans of taking Formosa.

Taipei's only English newspaper, China News, today said the Chinese Communist have requisitioned 350 large fishing boats, armed them with light weapons and are patrolling along the Shantung-Kiangsu coast. They said these ships can be diverted for use in invading Formosa.

GENERAL OPTIMISM

But the general sentiment in Formosa is one of optimism at an all-time high since the dismissal of General Ma Sheng-hsi on April 11. The visit of the military mission under Major-General William Chase and contemplated bigger U.S. military and economic aid for the fiscal year 1952 have created an impression that the United States is 100 per cent behind Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists.

The belief here is that with the U.S. Seventh Fleet and planes guarding the Formosa Straits, which is now often not negotiable by small craft due to typhoons, the Nationalist soldiers, estimated at over half a million, would be able to hold out against large-scale Red assaults indefinitely with the arrival of U.S. aid and technical direction.—United Press.

Merger Of Settlements Demanded

CALL BY INDIAN LEADERS

Bombay, May 20. Political leaders of French and Portuguese settlements on the Indian coast meeting here for a two-day conference today called on their compatriots to "prepare for a movement for achieving freedom from colonialism."

Campaigning for a merger of four French and three Portuguese settlements with the Indian Republic, they urged the Indian Government in a resolution to "negotiate speedily" with Paris and Lisbon the future political status of the settlements.

A five-man committee was appointed by the conference to co-ordinate the fight for the integration of foreign possessions with India.

The conference was inaugurated by the Mayor of Bombay, Mr. S. K. Patil, who said that the future of the settlements could ultimately be decided only through a plebiscite to which the Indian Government had agreed long ago.

Mr. Patil told the conference to mobilize public opinion in the settlements to accelerate progress of their campaign.

Dr. N. V. Rajakumar, Foreign Secretary of the Indian National Congress, who recently toured the settlements extensively, presided over the conference.

The settlements of Pondicherry, Karikal, Yanam and Mahe are due to vote in a plebiscite on whether to join India or remain French.

But a referendum set for Dec. 11, 1949, had been postponed indefinitely due to disagreement between India and France on how it should be carried out.

Meanwhile, Portugal has shut the door against negotiations with India by declaring Goa with Damão and Diu an overseas province.—Reuter.

Mountbatten Plane Diverted

Gibraltar, May 20. Lord Mountbatten landed here safely tonight after his plane had been diverted from Lisbon owing to bad weather.—Reuter.

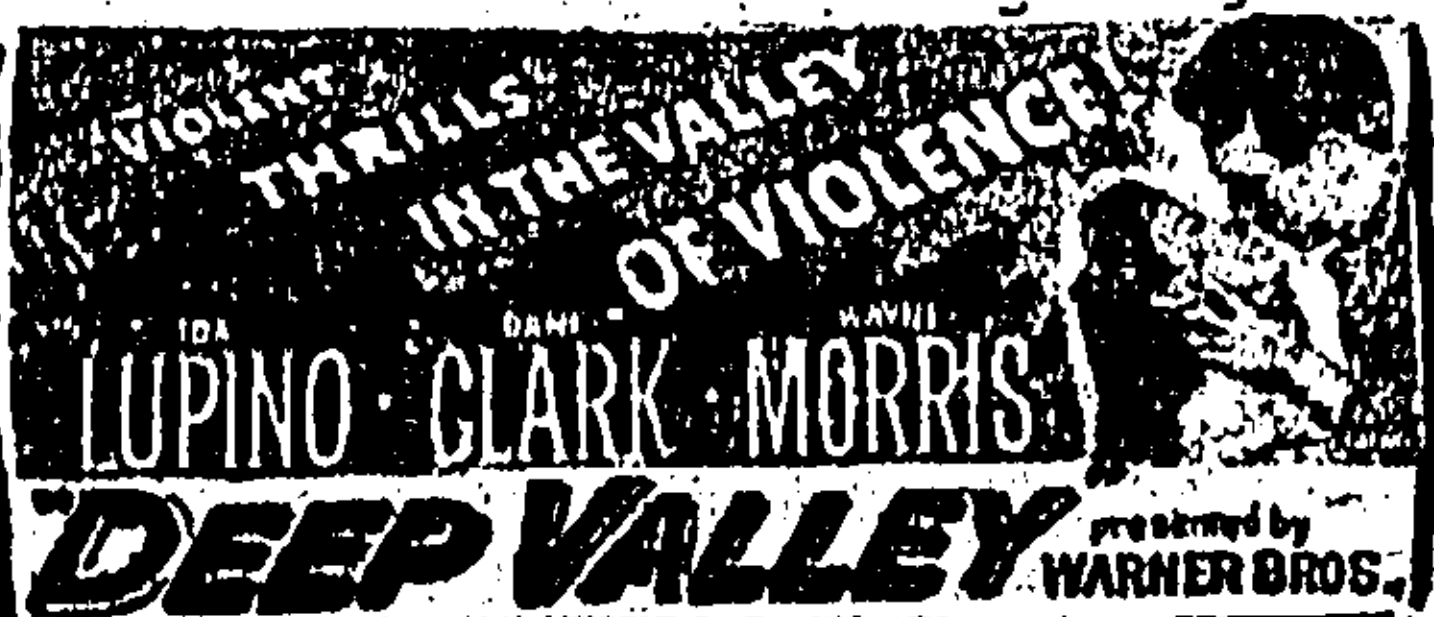
Emir Gets Welcome In Tripoli

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AND SERVE IN A BED OF WATER-CRESS OR LETTUCE

DEFERRED HONEYMOON



Male fashion: from Ceylon, worn by Mrs. Onally Gulamhusein.

Woman from Ceylon

In London on a deferred honeymoon is Mrs. Onally Gulamhusein, wife of a wealthy merchant in Ceylon. Friends call her Yvonne. She likes to be called Jasmine.

She is 21, weighs about eight stone, is less than five feet high in her French heels.

When I met her at the Dorchester, Mrs. Gulamhusein wore a sari with bare midriff. The gown below the waist, with shoulder scarf attached, is of black chiffon, with gold leaves woven into the fabric.

In her wardrobe are many other native dresses in all colours. All are her own creations.

Her nails are tinted deep blue. On her fingers are rings

of diamonds, pearls and rubies. From her ears hang strings of true pearls coloured gold.

Woven into the deep black bryn of her hair are strands of contrasting grey. Beneath one eye is a small patch.

Despite her small figure, Mrs. Gulamhusein is a woman of strength. She is an aeroplane pilot. So is her husband. When he flies she plots the route, sometimes takes his place at the controls.

(London Express Service)



Striped Sheath Dress—Variation of the Season's Favourite Style



between A and B and connect with C.
To Cut: Cut from F to G for shoulders. Open out the bottom fold, keeping selvages and centre front fold in same position. Cut from C to B for front neck. Cut armholes G-F.

Neck Slightly Lower

To Make: Join shoulder seams, using a 3/4" seam; press these open. If you wish neck slightly lower in back, cut it down on line H-C. (Fashion is to have dress at least 4" higher at neck in back than in front.)

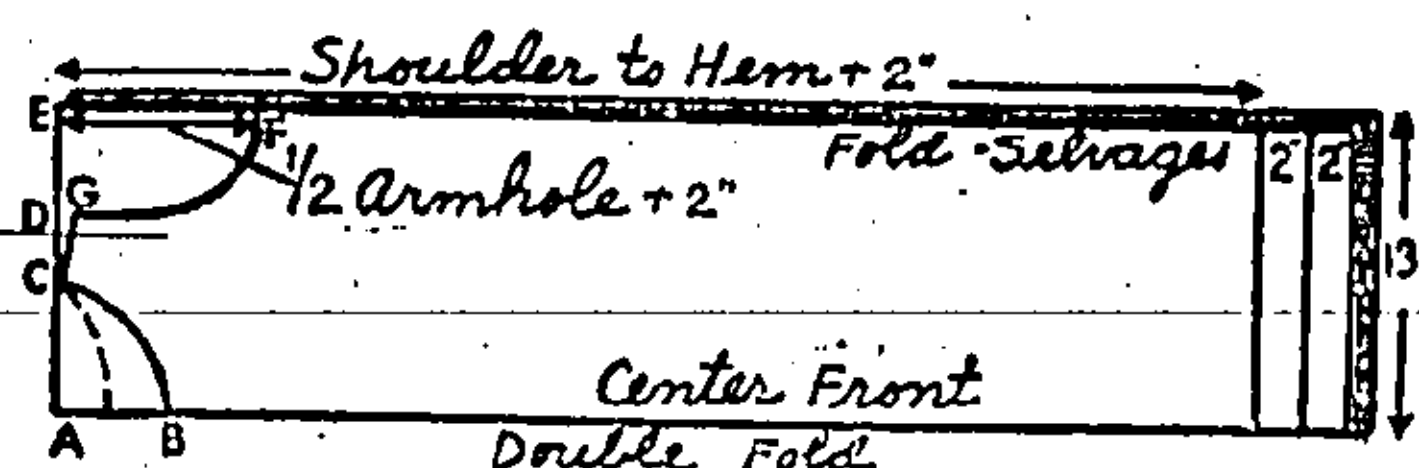
Stitch left underarm seam, leaving a 10" waistline opening for a zipper. Apply zipper according to package instructions.

Use bias binding to bind neck and armholes. Stitch binding on, stitching right side of binding to wrong side of jumper, using a 1/2" seam and easing binding slightly on curves. Turn binding to wrong side so it does not show on right side and back, then slip-stitch it down. Make new joinings at shoulder seams.

Put dress on. Tie a string around waist; adjust fullness. If desired, stitch 3 or more rows of elastic sewing thread to hold fullness evenly around waistline.

While garment is on, decide on depth of hem. Remove dress. Stitch bias seam binding to top edge of hem, again easing it on. Then slip-stitch or machine blind-stitch hem to position.

To make belt, turn raw edges of belt strip in and stitch the turned edges. Sew a tassel or round button to each end. Tie belt around waist.



FLATTERING SLIP



Beautiful silk slip.

By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

SLIM lines and beautiful colours distinguish the new lingerie offerings. This beauty is of lemon yellow silk crepe with triangular lace insets dyed to match. The insets are placed decoratively atop the banded inset at the waist, and are used as models to give extra width and ease in motion to the otherwise slim skirt. This is a luxurious and flattering slip.

Household Hints

If you are visiting friends with a small baby, where no highchair is available, take two chairs and place one upside down on the other. Tie the chairs together on the back, place a pad or pillow on the seat and you will have a safe, comfortable seat for baby.

If your walls are being painted, and you want to buy matching fabrics, don't try to carry the colour in your head. Dip a couple of white blotters in the paint. They will dry the same colour as the paint, and you can carry them in your handbag when you shop for the fabrics.

Non-fast colours are very apt to run in your clothes dryer as well as in your washer, so keep your white clothes away from them.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Beware Enemy's Long Suit In N.T.

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you're playing a hand at no-trump, it's often a good idea to refuse the first trick or two in the enemy's long suit. This principle, well known to every experienced player, is somehow forgotten by those very same players when they are handling the defence.

In today's hand, East made use of the principle on defence. It wouldn't have helped him very much if South had been on his toes; but South wasn't, and East in the sort of practical fellow who knows that even the best opponent will occasionally slip if you throw enough banana skins around his feet.

Declarer let the opening spade lead ride around to his queen and then immediately began on the diamonds. This was sound enough, and it was equally sound for East to hold up his ace South, who very likely had another diamond, and East again refused to take his ace.

At this point South should have abandoned the diamonds. He should have gone after the club suit, which he had five tricks in that suit. Five clubs, two diamonds, and two spades would have given him the same contract.

As it happened, South didn't stop to think. He knew he had a

NORTH (D) 26
♠ A 7
♥ Q 5
♦ 8 7 5
♣ A Q J 10 8 6

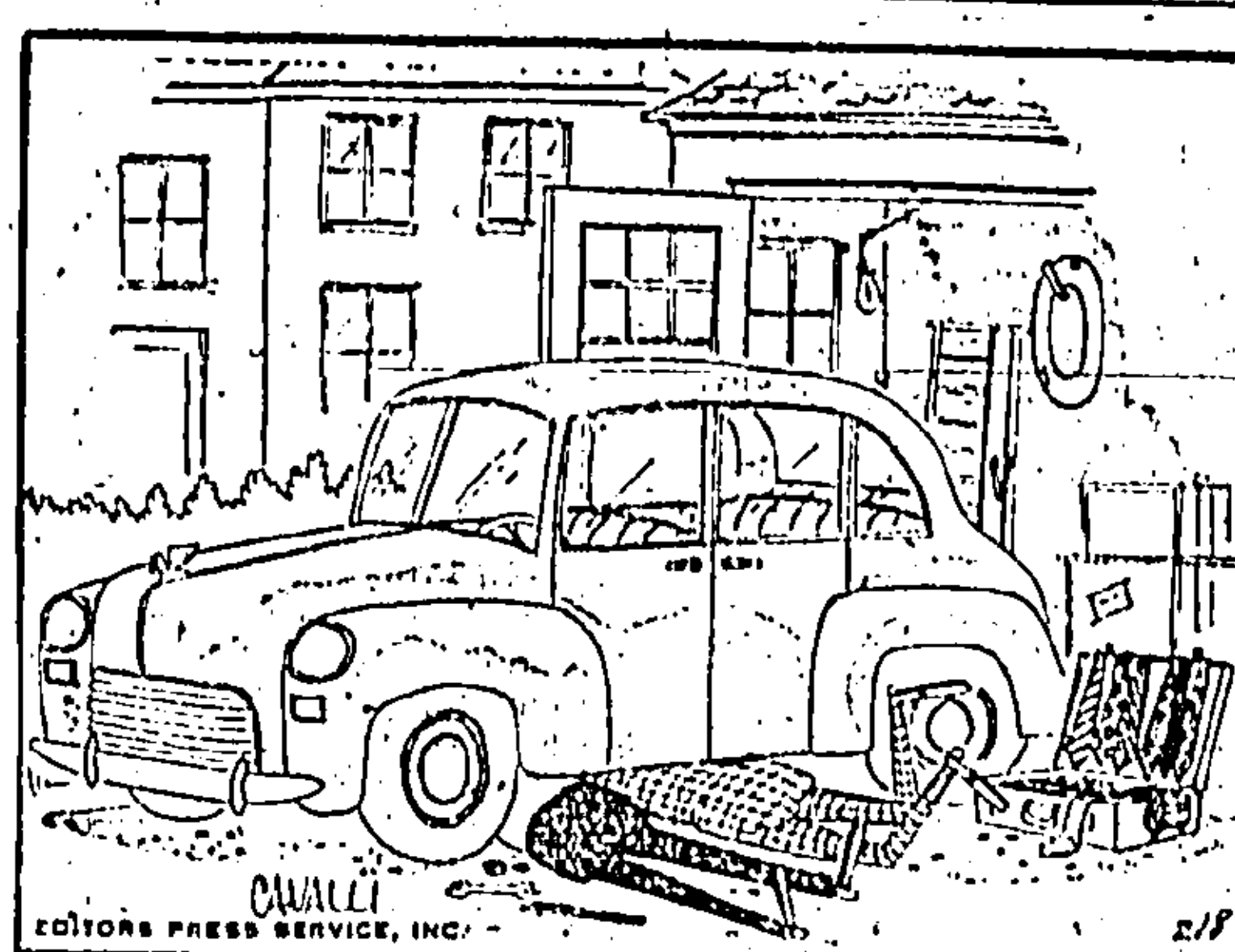
WEST
♠ K J 8 6 3
♥ A 10 6 2
♦ None
♣ K 9 7 2

EAST
♠ 10 9 2
♥ 8 7 4 3
♦ A 9 4 2
♣ A 4 3

SOUTH
♠ 5 4
♥ K J 10
♦ K Q J 10 6 3
♣ 5
N-S vul.

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Double
2 ♠ Pass 2 N.T. Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 N.T. Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead—♠ 6



Here's one I think you'll like... it'll go with any colour suit.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE bowler hat dogs me. The sanitary inspectors of Bristol, of which body I was once Chairman, have won a resounding victory.

They have always worn the formal bowler. But they are now to be allowed to wear a soft black felt hat, the hat described by Sir Max Beerbaum as "classical in design, but catering for the intention of the bowler." This is a very good idea, and will disappear that almost aseptic quality which was the hallmark of the bowler's hat. A soft hat promises old-fashioned temper, with warm humanity, and invites a friendly approach. But the bowler's hat, having lost the sanitary inspection market, will have to try to persuade haters to give away a soft hat to every man who buys a bowler.

In old Korokoda

THE plagues of Korokoda always wear rubber bowler hats when they talk under the bellies of cows. They say that if all plagues hump their heads the hat is a protection. The bowlers are made of rubber because, when this walking

ceremony takes place, the cows are all drawn up on the bank of a river. The plagues, when they fall into the river and the bus being made of rubber, float until reclaimed.

Sol Hoggwash's lion

A showman, a young man, is fighting a lion with his fists. The lion is evidently very angry, and the man's left arm is in his jaws. But the poor beast is about to get a terrible blow from his antagonist's right fist. In the background, a recently-dressed lady watches the fight with becoming languor. I have a feeling that the lion is not a real one. But don't let me spoil your pleasure, Hoggwash. In his epic of "The Last Days of Pompeii," used one of Landauer's lions in Trafalgar Square, to cut down its expression. But its expression was so human that when it was wrestled with it, and threw it over his left shoulder like a pinch loudly at such obvious cruelty.

Tail-piece
In the televising of a recorded talk on ferrets, should the cackling of the studio audience be included?

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 21

If you are born on this first day of the incoming sign, Gemini, you also will inherit some of the characteristics of the outgoing sign, Taurus. This gives you a very complex nature which many will find exceedingly difficult to understand. The quality of Gemini under the rulership of Mercury, the god of knowledge, will bring you talents beyond the average. But your touch of genius is combined with a restlessness which makes concentration to a single ideal somewhat very difficult.

This tendency is somewhat minimized by your readiness to the Taurus influence which will give you a tenacity to a single objective—provided you can make up your mind early what it is. This seeming contradiction will vary in degree, in direct proportion to the amount of personal initiative which you put into life.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Be conservative in both act and speech this morning. Tactfulness will pay the best dividends.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—A day for which counter emotions are highly necessary. Use self-control in everything.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 23)—Don't be too adventurous this morning. Stick to familiar routine if you want the best results.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Conditions will call for clear-headed action this morning. Keep on your toes. Alertness pays.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Meet all situations calmly and tackle problems with tact. Troubles can be made to vanish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Exert self-control and you will win attention. Afternoon brightness considerably.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be polite this morning and irritations will disappear. Afternoon and evening are good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—There are upsetting tendencies early today, but you can disperse them by cooperative action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Portend new arrangements. Small things have calmed down a little.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Haste makes waste, so take your time in everything. No hours after lunch can be excellent.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Diplomatic action can turn difficulties into advantages. Plan a social event this evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 22-May 21)—Generally favourable if you remain cool and collected even in the face of a crisis.

When a doctor looks at a woman's tongue it might be because she has said she was all tired out.

In some foreign countries drums bring natives up in arms.

Here saxophones in the house next door do very nicely.

People used to make their own clothing on spinning wheels. Now they lose their shirts on them.

Intelligence Test

Darts

By T. O. HARE

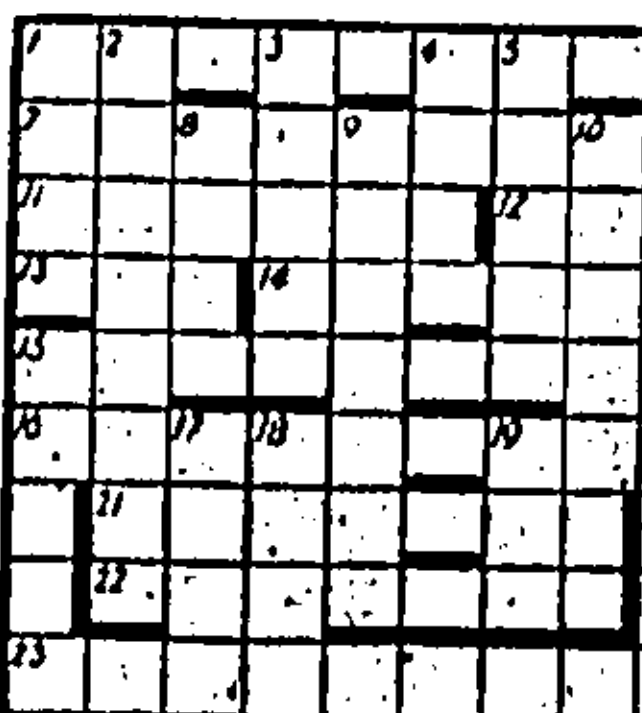
Little Tipping Darts League has a new club. They recently took part in a championship contest, each club playing one other. Matches took place on Saturday, January 1, and the four following Saturdays. There were thus three matches each week.

On January 8 the Green Man played the Feathers. On January 15 there was a close contest between the Unicorn and the Duke of Head. The following Saturday (January 15) the Green Man was at home to the Anchor. On January 22 the Feathers visited the Duke's Head.

What team visited the White Swan on January 29?

(Solution on Page 10)

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Trap means for living accommodation. (9)
11. Dickensian character, initials L. E. (10)
12. Zest (5)
13. 2 Down are certainly not this! (7)
14. The instructed. (7)
15. 10 give details of wars. (8, 6)

Down

1. On the summit. (4)
2. They don't live in eternal snows. (5)
3. Vulgar madman. (4)
4. Name of a bird. (6)
5. They sleep out of doors. (6)
6. It may be killed, blown, or smothered. (7)
7. This is a sure regular word. (7)
8. Oil is made from it. (7)
9. Into it. (6)
10. Deposited. (4)
11. The remainder is Down. (4)

Solution of Saturday's puzzle—Across: 1. Snare, 2. Gnome, 3. Fool, 4. Gnome, 5. Gnome, 6. Gnome, 7. Gnome, 8. Gnome, 9. Gnome, 10. Gnome, 11. Gnome, 12. Gnome, 13. Gnome, 14. Gnome, 15. Gnome, 16. Gnome, 17. Gnome, 18. Gnome, 19. Gnome, 20. Gnome.

Solution of Sunday's puzzle—Across: 1. Snare, 2. Gnome, 3. Fool, 4. Gnome, 5. Gnome, 6. Gnome, 7. Gnome, 8. Gnome, 9. Gnome, 10. Gnome, 11. Gnome, 12. Gnome, 13. Gnome, 14. Gnome, 15. Gnome, 16. Gnome, 17. Gnome, 18. Gnome, 19. Gnome, 20. Gnome.

Solution of Monday's puzzle—Across: 1. Snare, 2. Gnome, 3. Fool, 4. Gnome, 5. Gnome, 6. Gnome, 7. Gnome, 8. Gnome, 9. Gnome, 10. Gnome, 11. Gnome, 12. Gnome, 13. Gnome, 14. Gnome, 15. Gnome, 16. Gnome, 17. Gnome, 18. Gnome, 19. Gnome, 20. Gnome.

Solution of Tuesday's puzzle—Across: 1. Snare, 2. Gnome, 3. Fool, 4. Gnome, 5. Gnome, 6. Gnome, 7. Gnome, 8. Gnome, 9. Gnome, 10. Gnome, 11. Gnome, 12. Gnome, 13. Gnome, 14. Gnome, 15. Gnome, 16. Gnome, 17. Gnome, 18. Gnome, 19. Gnome, 20. Gnome.

Solution of Wednesday's puzzle—Across: 1. Snare, 2. Gnome, 3. Fool, 4. Gnome, 5. Gnome, 6. Gnome, 7. Gnome, 8. Gnome, 9. Gnome, 10. Gnome, 11. Gnome, 12. Gnome, 13. Gnome, 14. Gnome, 15. Gnome, 16. Gnome, 17. Gnome, 18. Gnome, 19. Gnome, 20. Gnome.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Weather-Vane's Request

—He Asked Knarf to Take His Place—

By MAX TRELL

"H, down there!" called somebody from the roof of the house.

Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, looked up. It was the weather-vane. It looked like a rooster except that it was made of iron and quite flat. It stood on a sort of long arrow. Underneath the arrow were two cross-bars; and on the end of each cross-bar were the letters N, S, E and W, standing for North, South, East and West.

The weather-vane's job was to turn and look into the wind, no matter which way it was blowing. Whenever the weather-vane turned, the arrow on which it stood also turned and pointed to one of the letters. So that anybody below, looking up could say: "Ah, it's a North Wind. We shall have colder weather!" Or: "It's an



The Weather-Vane.

East Wind. We shall surely have rain!"

Now it was the month of March, when the wind blows hardest of all.

Calling Down

But now, much to Knarf's surprise, the weather-vane was calling down to him—

"Yes, Weather-Vane!" Knarf called up. "What do you want?"

"I wonder," the weather-vane called down again, and it had all it could do to make itself heard over the whistling of the March wind; "I wonder if you would mind doing me a favour?"

"What do you want me to do, Weather-Vane?"

"Come up here and take my place for a little while. I'm very tired. Would you mind doing that?"

Knarf said: "All right, Weather-Vane. I'll be right up!"

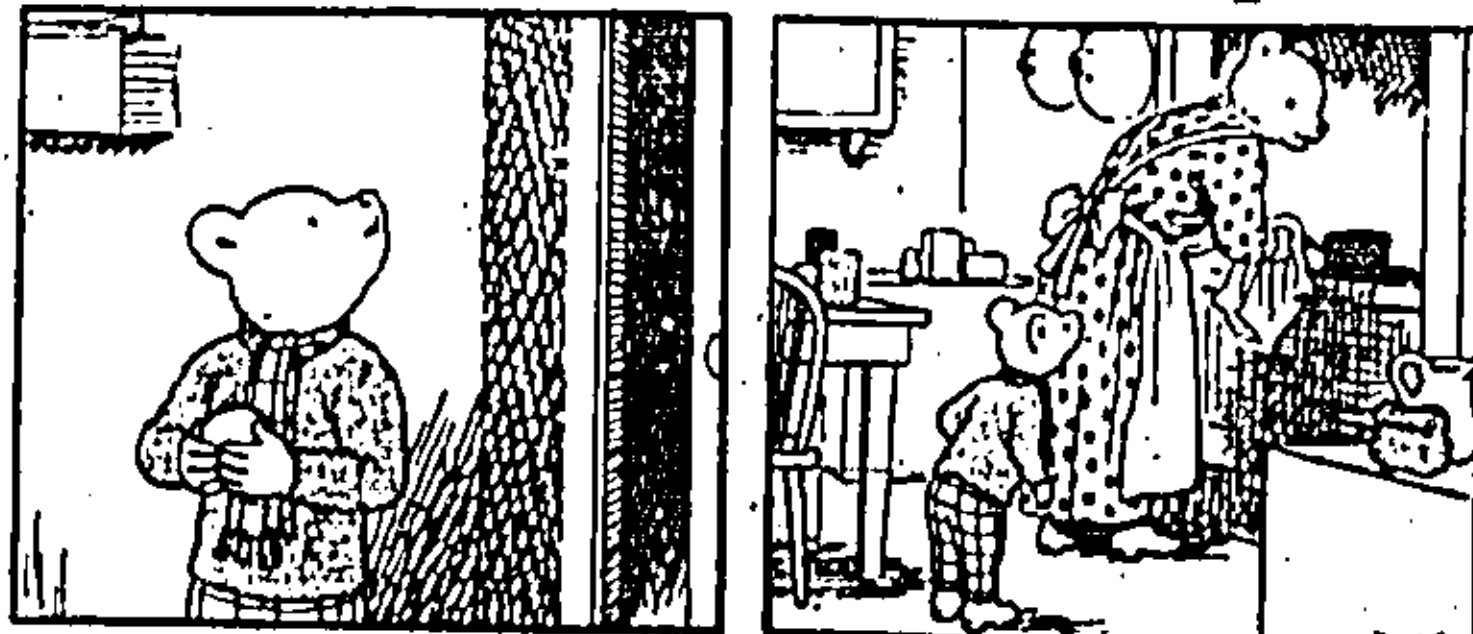
So Knarf climbed up to the roof. It wasn't much trouble for him. He was a shadow, and the wind was blowing much harder than it seemed to be blowing down below. But Knarf finally managed to get to the weather-vane.

"I'm here!" said Knarf.

"Good," said the weather-vane, looking at Knarf for an instant, then spinning suddenly around and facing the other way.

Knarf crawled around to the other way.

Rupert and the Coughdrop—1



Christmas is not far off and Rupert has been running about playing with his ball in order to keep warm. He is just going to look for his pals when he passes by the open door. "There's an interesting smell coming from the house," he thinks. "I wonder what Mummy's cooking?" He runs

into the kitchen and, sure enough, he finds Mrs. Bear busy by the stove. "Hello, Rupert, she smiles, 'you've caught me this time. I'm making some toffee for you to give to your pals at the Christmas party. Do let me stay and watch how you do it!"

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"You see how it is," said the weather-vane. "I hardly get a moment's rest. I—pardon me!" And around he swung again.

Knarf crawled around to face him once more.

"Now, if you don't mind," the weather-vane said, "I'll just hop off this arrow for ten or fifteen minutes and catch a—"

He swung around and around several times, then stopped in the same place again. "I'll catch a bit of a nap."

"All right, Weather-Vane," said Knarf. "Hop off."

ALL At Once

Instead of hopping off, the weather-vane all at once went shooting off. He whizzed through the air. "Be sure you—hold on—light!" Knarf heard him shouting back just before he disappeared over the top of the house, on the other side of the road.

He landed right next to the weather-vane. "Now this is a fine how-do-do," the weather-vane said. "I thought you were going to give me a chance to get some rest." But Knarf, who could only sigh and say: "I'm sorry, Weather-Vane. I didn't know your job was so hard!"

Mothers-to-be Favour Boxty Suits

Suit type two-piece dresses are best sellers in maternity wear for spring-summer. This is a definite trend in Seattle. Seen in the shops are boxty jackets favoured both in dresses and suits and there are many calls for short separates in boxty jackets.

Prints have the edge over plain fabrics in dresses, wanted in small patterns, with crepes and fallies in top demand. Cotton is popular. It is believed that sheers will move well and stocks are ample to meet the need, but it will come with a rush, when the need becomes apparent.

Mothers-to-be make sure of their street apparel, and a good dress or two-first, then plan on all-ins.

Summer Prediction

Suits are selling ahead of last year in all shops reporting. Sports separates are also on the increase and good volume is predicted throughout the summer. Shops are divided in their opinions on dusters. A few are carried, but no great demand is indicated and buyers will not stock heavily. One large shop having ordered dusters in January, reports a number of calls, but ruefully adds merchandise has not been received. Delayed delivery has lost potential business. Favourable fabrics are fallies and butcher linens in pastel shades, navy, natural or black. A few shops are carrying separate jackets and report they are good in fallies, butcher linen, shantung and satins. These are of the boxty type.

French Entries In Epsom Derby Don't Do Well

Paris, May 20.
Four French horses entered in the Epsom Derby were beaten in the £1,500 Prix Norilles Three-Year-Old Produce Stakes over one mile three furlongs at Longchamp today.

One of them, Norman, finished third. The others, Coral, Turquin and Va Vite, were behind in the field of seven.

The winner was Baron V. D. H. Hauzer's Thelus (Escamille-Thessalle) who beat M. Francois Dupre's Corsair by a neck with M. Ernest Masurel's Norman a further two and a half lengths away third.

M. Marcel Boussac's Coral was fourth, half a length behind Norman.

All the runners carried near stone two pounds.

Thelus paid 165 francs for a 10 franc win stake of the pari-mutuel and 51 francs for a place. Corsair paid 23 francs for a place.

P. Carter, trainer of Va Vite, said after the race that the colt would not run in the Derby.

M. Boussac said that he would not decide whether to run Coral until Tuesday morning.—Reuter.

SNATH'S MOUNT

London, May 20.
Mr. P. Strassburger's Le Tyrol, winner of the Prix Jean Prat at Longchamp on April 22, will be ridden in the Epsom Derby by W. Snath.—Reuter.

Freddie Brown To Captain England

London, May 20.
Freddie Brown, of Northamptonshire, has accepted an invitation to captain England in the Tests against South Africa this season.

Brown, who will be 41 in December, captained the MCC side on the recent tour of Australia and stood out as England's best all-rounder in the Tests. He was third in both the batting and bowling averages, scoring 210 runs at an average of 26.25 and taking 18 wickets at 21.81 runs each.—Reuter.

Davis Cup Matches

Milan, May 20.
Italy gained a 2-1 lead over South Africa by winning the doubles in their second round European Zone Davis Cup match here today.

Gianni Cucelli and Marcello del Bello defeated Eric Sturgess and Leon Norgard, the South African doubles champions, 13-11, 6-4, 6-4.—Reuter.

Sweden 3-AUSTRIA 0
Vienna, May 20.
Taking the doubles today, Sweden gained a winning lead of three matches to nil over Austria in their second round European zone Davis Cup tie here.

The Swedish pair, Lennart Bergelin and Sven Davidsson, beat Hans Redl, the one-armed player, and Alfred Huber by 6-2, 7-5 and 6-2.

Sweden will meet the winners of the Britain versus France tie now being played at Wimbledon.—Reuter.

GERMANY 3-DENMARK 0
Berlin, May 20.
Germany, making their first postwar Davis Cup appearance, beat Denmark in the second round of the European Zone here today.

They gained a decisive 3-0 lead when Ernst Buchholz, Germany's No. 2, beat Kurt Nielsen by 2-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 and 6-4.

Germany won the tie by four matches to one when Gottfried von Cramm beat Torben Ulrich 6-4, 6-2 and 6-4 in the final singles.—Reuter.

BELGIUM 3-EGYPT 0
Brussels, May 20.
Belgium took a winning lead of three matches to nil over Egypt in their second round European Zone Davis Cup tie here today.

The Belgium pair, Jacky Brichant and Philippe Washer, beat Marcel Coen and Adly Shafat 6-2, 7-5, 2-6 and 6-2.

Belgium met Germany in the third round.—Reuter.

POLAND 4-SWITZERLAND 1
Zurich, May 20.
Poland beat Switzerland by four matches to one in their second round European Zone Davis Cup match here today.

In the final two singles, both won by Poland, Jose Piatek beat Jost Spitz 8-6, 6-4 and 6-4 and Wladislaw Skonecki defeated Max Albrecht 3-6, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 and 6-2.

Poland will meet the winners of the Italy versus South Africa tie now being played in Milan.—Reuter.

Unique Feat In
Jamaican League
Cricket Match

Kingston, Jamaica, May 20.
A feat perhaps unique in cricket history was performed in a Jamaican major league match here on Saturday.

The Melbourne Cricket Club, the third oldest cricket club in the West Indies, though scoring only 22 runs, beat Kingston by an innings and four runs in an hour and a half.

Kingston, sent in to bat on a drying pitch, declared after losing four wickets for only two runs. Melbourne hit up 22 runs for two wickets in 30 minutes and also declared.

Kingston, batting a man short through injury, were routed for 16 runs in their second innings. Honours went to the West Indies Test bowler, Desmond Kentish, the Melbourne captain. He took three wickets for one run in Kingston's first innings and, helped by a hat-trick in the second innings, he finished with a match analysis of nine wickets for six runs.—Reuter.

Colony Athletic Championships

THE 200 METRES FINAL WAS THE BEST RACE OF HONGKONG'S GAMES

By "RECORDER"

The first Colony Athletic Championships since 1941 and the first conducted by an Association controlling track and field athletics since 1930 were concluded fairly early yesterday evening and all the winners regimented into position to receive their trophies from His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, Kt., KC, very nearly on the dot.

No athletic meet within the memory of this reporter has been run off as smoothly though there was a hitch at the start yesterday. It was the best-conducted athletic meet in two decades here.

Jackson Lee of La Salle College and the South China Athletic Association and Naele Simmons of Gremlins laid final claim for the duration of 12 months to the title of the Colony's fastest humans and A. Ajayi Alapini of Lagos, Nigeria, and the Royal Air Force earned this reporter's citation as the best—of many—example of a good loser.

Alapini finished fourth in both the 100 and 200 metres dashes against the finest lot of sprinters ever assembled in this Colony on a bad knee wrenched in an earlier Carro-Hill meet this year when he had taken the turn in the 200 metres at full speed and had run from the second lane into the fifth after losing control of his balance.

He had nursed that knee for a long time and he took the turn very easily. He lost about three yards in the process in the final of the 200 metres and was a foot behind Jackson Lee with 15 yards to go—level with Bobby Roach and Wong Man-wan—and then that all-out effort down the straight took toll of a finish that is known to be powerful.

Alapini is quite a large-proportioned sprinter and the curve was a definite handicap. He wasn't the least perturbed about having failed to win even a place medal when we talked to him afterwards and he is as keen as ever on trying again. His only previous experience of athletics he described as "a few races in Blighty."

The Alapini story was told us by an Army athlete. Jackson Lee was the athlete of the day on performance. He won both sprints—including the 200 metres, in which event he wasn't fancied against Roach, Alapini and Ng Yuen-fok—in record time.

His winning runs in 11.0 and 22.7 seconds in the sprints.

IAAF Council Meeting

Rome, May 20.
An application for membership from the newly-formed Pakistan Amateur Athletic Association was temporarily rejected by the Council of the International Amateur Athletics Federation here today.

The Federation allows only one national body from one country, and the Pakistan Olympic Association is already affiliated.

The Council hoped that the two bodies would come to an agreement over Pakistani representation on the International Federation.

The Council approved the admission of the official bodies of the Gold Coast, Indonesia and Ethiopia, subject in the cases of the Gold Coast and Indonesia to the ratification of the IAAF Congress in Helsinki in 1952.—Reuter.

BASEBALL SCORES

New York, May 20.
Today's Major League baseball scores were:

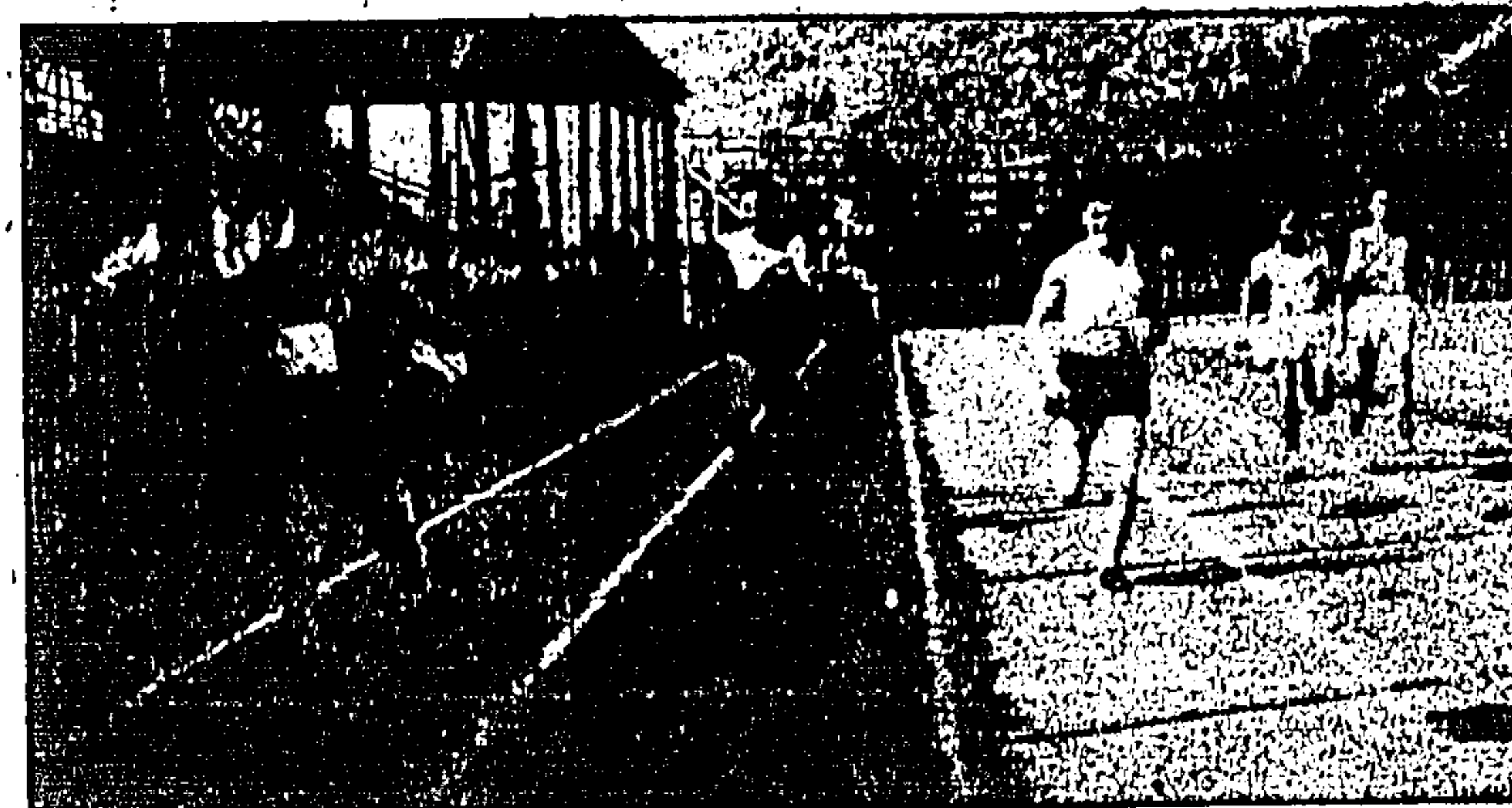
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
St. Louis	3	8	0	
New York	7	8	2	
Detroit	8	13	0	
Boston	4	11	0	
Cleveland	1	3	2	
Philadelphia	2	7	2	
Cleveland (2nd game)	5	7	0	
Philadelphia	3	8	1	
Chicago	5	8	2	
Washington	4	0	3	
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Philadelphia	17	20	1	
Pittsburgh	0	8	3	
Philadelphia (2nd game)	12	16	0	
Pittsburgh	4	11	3	
Boston	3	8	1	
Chicago	4	10	1	
Brooklyn	10	15	0	
Cincinnati	3	18	1	
New York	7	10	4	
St. Louis	8	18	4	

—United Press.

THESE WERE THE TWO RACES OF THE DAY



Jackson Lee of South China, on the extreme left, breasts the tape in the 200 Metres final in the Colony record time of 22.7 seconds. The others making it almost a blanket finish are Alapini, Bobby Roach and Wong Man-wan. All the other three must have been close to 23 seconds flat.—China Mail Photo.



Ng Yuen-fok of South China wins the 400 Metres final from H. Anderson of the Army in Lane 3. Between them is Tony Braga of St. Joseph's, just nipped in the final straight.

In the outside lane behind Ng is Lo Wing-chuen, the Inter-School Champion, and in the two inside lanes the Army runners, J. Clarke and Williams. The winning time was 52.8 seconds.—China Mail Photo.

Bob Hope And 194 Others In Amateur Open

London.
The British Amateur "Open" Golf Championship to be played at Royal Portcawl on May 21 to 26 inclusive has attracted this year the imposing number of 195 entries.

From places as far apart as Walsall and Khartoum and Argentine and Switzerland, the best amateur golfers in the world will be making their bid for the trophy at present held by Frank Stranahan of America.

Representing the local club are Cyril Tolley, former holder of the title and E. R. Bullimore. Among their fellow-competitors they find such well-known names as Bob Hope, the great American stage, screen and radio comedian, Willie Turness, Captain of the American Walker Cup team which recently played at Birkdale, and Sam Uzzella, who is the present holder of the American "Open" Championship.

In addition to the places already mentioned, the list of entrants includes players from South Africa, Canada, Egypt, Australia, East Africa, Scotland and Tasmania.

It is unfortunate, therefore, that the British Walker Cup team only three, Kyle, Dr. Deighton and Carr, can find time to play in this major British amateur event of the year.

It means really that there will be only token resistance to the challenge of the American Walker Cup team and the other formidable entrants from overseas. That is not to say that Kyle, Deighton or Carr are incapable of winning the Amateur "Open". Kyle is, in fact, a former holder of the title, having won it in 1930.

It must be regretted particularly that Britain's only Plus 2 golfer, Ronnie White of Royal Liverpool, has been unable to find time to enter for this event, and the fact is that by weight of numbers alone, the Americans must be considered to include among them the eventual winner of the Championship.

—(London Express Service)

YORKSHIRE & LANCASHIRE WILL FIGHT OUT COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

By PETER DITTON

London.

The County Cricket Championship this season may resolve itself into a struggle between those two great rivals, Lancashire and Yorkshire. The former, joint holders of the title with Surrey, are favourites to retain the Championship but my guess is that Yorkshire may supersede them.

There is no denying that Lancashire, with Surrey, are the best equipped team in the country. They have a wealth of bowling with Tattersall, Statham, Hilton and Berry all in the match-winning class.

In fact, they are so well off for bowlers that Berry, who toured Australia with the MCC team, is having, temporarily, to play in the Second XI while Hilton takes his place in the county side.

The batting, too, is strong, with John. Ikin, the forgotten man of cricket, rapidly establishing a claim for another England "cap"—possibly even at the expense of his county colleague, Washbrook.

Ikin, who toured Australia with the first post-war MCC team and has been consistently ignored by the selectors ever since, did exceptionally well in India with the Commonwealth touring team last winter and, already, at the time of writing, has made two centuries for Lancashire this season.

If he is given another chance to establish himself in the England team, he may yet prove a worthy successor to such left-handed giants of the past as Woolley, Paynter and Leyland.

GOOD FIELDING
Lancashire's fielding is another noteworthy feature. They have, in Ikin and Grieves, two close-to-the-wicket fielders who are in the world-best category. Not far behind them in his ability to snap up even half a chance is the skipper, Nigel Howard. These three between them made 124 catches last season.

On a pitch giving assistance to spin bowlers, Lancashire will indeed be a formidable proposition. They may, however, find themselves handicapped slightly by the absence of pace bowlers and it is in this respect that Yorkshire and Surrey have the edge over them.

Yorkshire, again captained by N.W.D. Yardley, are my bet for the Championship.

Although not as well off perhaps as Surrey, who have Alec Bedser and W. S. Surridge, they have two more than useful openers in Trueman, who has already played in a Test trial, and Ford. And above all, they have that great quality for which Yorkshire has always been noted—grit.

The retirement of all-rounder Caxon last November was a loss to the county but the batting is still exceptionally strong with

Hutton, Lowson, Wilson, Halliday and Watson—all consistent run-makers.

The brunt of the spin bowling will again be borne by Johnny Wardle who last season captured 174 wickets with his left-arm slows. He will receive support from Mason, Leadbetter, Appleby and Yardley himself.

SURREY MAY CHALLENGE
The other serious challenge this summer will probably be offered by Surrey. Their bowling is a sounder all-round proposition than either that of Lancashire or Yorkshire, but the batting does not seem to be quite so strong and neither does the fielding.

Much may depend upon 44-year-old opening batsman Laurie Fishlock. Last season he scored nearly 2,500 runs and was the sheet-anchor of the side. If he can repeat the performance this season Surrey will be an extremely powerful unit.

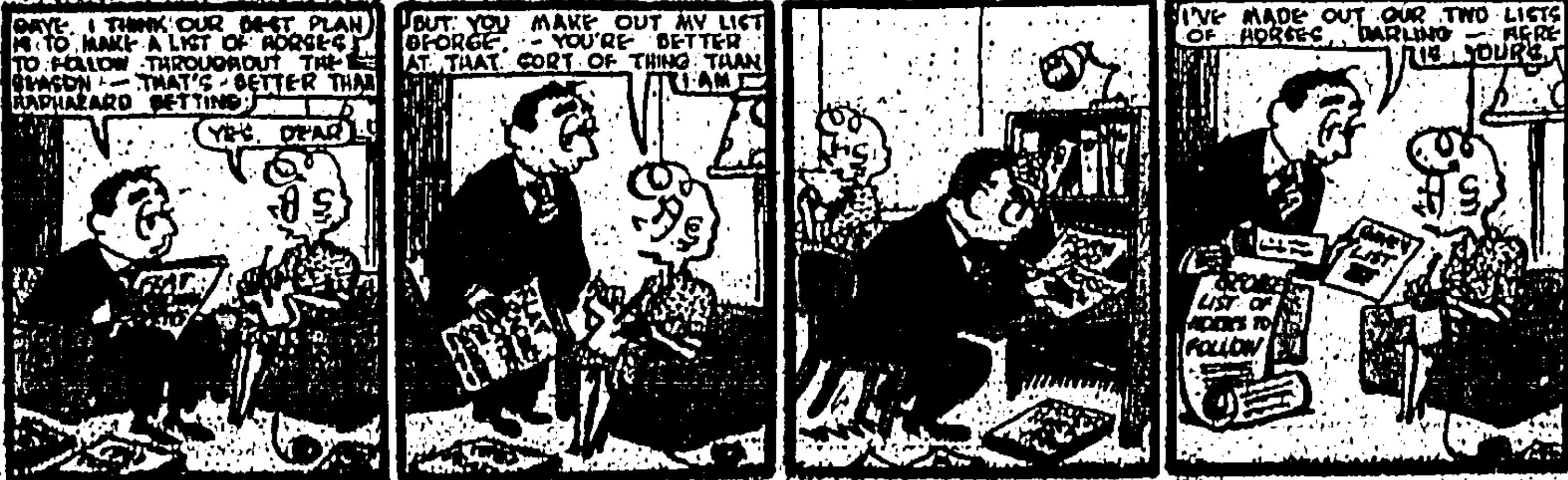
Finally, as a good outside proposition I would suggest that a careful note be made of the progress of Warwickshire. They have a grand opening attack of Pritchard and Groves, and the spin bowling, with Eric Hollies again available, is in capable hands.

A falling-off by the batsmen, late in the season, was responsible for the county failing to win one of the last eleven matches last year.

At times too much responsibility was thrown upon the broad shoulders of professional skipper Tom Doolery and opening batsman Frederick Gardner. That strain should be relieved by the addition this season of Don Taylor, the New Zealand Test star who played against England in 1947 but has now qualified for Warwickshire under the two-year residential rule.

—(London Express Service)

THE GAMBOLS



Judges Had A Job Of It Picking Out The Colony's Fastest Feminine Human

Competition among the girls in the Colony Athletic Championships over the week-end at the Caroline Hill Stadium was nowhere hotter than in the 100 metres dash.

No fewer than eight won standard medals for having beaten 14 seconds flat and the final was won by the one and only Noele Simmons in 13.9 seconds in a blanket finish in which four others beat 14 seconds.

This final gave the track judges more trouble than any other and it took them quite some considerable time to decide to whom the places should be awarded.

As Chief Track Judge E.G. Stewart insisted that the other judges make up their minds, the authoritative voice of Mr. P. H. Govey suddenly declared, "No. 150 is the winner. There is no doubt, at all in my mind about it."

Other heads slowly nodded assent. One of the Chinese judges looked a trifle doubtful but for No. 150 and announced that it stood for someone called Simmons.

Thus Gremlins' Noele Simmons became the Colony's Fastest Feminine Human. The judges took more time over second and third.

Second place they finally awarded to Pamela Lee, of South China Athletic Association, a discovery of Cecil Kotevski, who entered her for the Championships.

Susan was surprised. Third place went to someone who, unlike Noele Simmons and Pamela Lee, did not have to be informed that she could run.

Susan Hyslop is well aware of the fact that she is fast on her feet. She didn't quite realise how fast and was quite enough on Saturday to discover that she had qualified for the final by running in third in one of the second round heats.

Yesterday she drew Lane 1, which is not a good lane, but she tore off for all she was worth and in the confusion at the finish the judges decided that she had come in third.

Fourth was Maureen Hodgkinson, heat and semi-final winner and winner of the last open sprint at Caroline Hill, who was quite definitely off colour.

Fifth was Hilary Hale, who on Saturday had clocked 13.8 seconds in the second semi-final behind Noele Simmons, who was also clocked in 13.8.

The sixth finalist, Chan Shui-kuen of Pui To, fell when about 10 metres from the tape. She was "on her way" to anything from first to sixth place in the blanket finish and the judges were probably more grateful to her than anyone else.

In the heats on Saturday, not more than one or two of the other competitors were slower than 14.2 seconds. Winning standard medals were, in addition to the six finalists, Julia Tingay of Georgians and Leung Lai-ping of South China.

Tingay, the classiest runner of them all, later became 200 Metres Champion. She was left at the start in the second semi-final with Simmons, Hale and Pamela Lee.

Eliminated in the same semi-final was Lam Kue-lan of South China, considered the fastest of the Chinese girls on previous open race performances.

Recreo's Stella Correa made the second semi-final from Heat 1 and was eliminated in the tougher of the two second round heats. She ran in tennis shoes, as did Suzanne Whitworth of Army (and Victorians) and Valerie Slade of Gremlins.

Slade would have made all the difference. The track judges may again feel grateful.

LOCAL JUNE FOULDS. Julia Tingay, who is a local version of June Foulds, came back in the 200 Metres final to win from fellow-Georgian Hilary

Hale. The winning time—29.2 seconds—stamped her as our most promising athlete.

Maureen Hodgkinson, who should have been her strongest challenger, was running only under the rule that finalists have to make a race of it but couldn't. She finished fourth. Third place went to Wu May-hing of Pui To.

JUMPING GREMLINS. Noele Simmons won the Long Jump on her very last leap, clearing 15 feet 1/2 inch.

Two Pui To girls, Pong Sik and Juliet Lin, were then leading with 14 feet 9 1/2 inches and 14 feet 8 inches respectively.

Valerie Slade of Gremlins, finally sweeping spikes, cleared 13 feet 10 1/2 inches to take fourth place after having leapt the same distance the previous afternoon in tennis shoes.

Maureen Hodgkinson, who had stood third in the qualifying round with a jump of 13 feet

11 1/2 inches, could do no better than 13.5 yesterday for fifth place.

VICTORIAN TRIUMPH. The Victorians were not left without a Colony Champion. It was her third leap that won the event for Suzanne Whitworth at 4 feet 3 inches.

Georgians' Ruby Scott and Tsui Shu-may of South China had cleared 4 feet 2 inches with her. The Chinese girl was awarded second place on fewer failures.

Scott, after scraping in on the third try in the qualifying round on Saturday at every height, suddenly developed spring yesterday and was sailing over the bar like a kite.

Julia Tingay, who looked like she was going to win the event, came into the final after running the 200 metres and went out at 4 feet 2 inches.

The favourite for the Championships, Margery Revie, pulled a muscle and was eliminated in the qualifying round.

AND HERE SHE IS



Gremlins' Noele Simmons holds the Ladies' Hockey Association Cup for the Ladies' 100 Metres winner at the Colony Athletic Championships.

"Superwoman" Simmons didn't want to compete. She thought she was too old. A Shanghai girl, she was appropriately shanghaied to Caroline Hill by two well-wishers who insisted that she should run. She also won the Long Jump.—China Mail Photo.



These four Georgians won the Ladies' 100 Metres Relay at the Colony Athletic Championships yesterday.

From the left they are Julia Tingay, also Colony 200 Metres Champion, Maureen Hodgkinson, who ran the anchor leg, Susan Hyslop, a surprise third also in the 100 Metres final, and Cynthia Eager, more easily recognised as the Colony Swimming Champion.—China Mail Photo.

Hongkong Makes It A Clean Sweep In Interport Tennis

By "ARGONAUT"

Hongkong made a clean sweep of the 1951 Interport tennis series with Saigon, winning the remaining two Singles matches yesterday to bring to score to five matches to nil in her favour.

Played on a hard clay court at the Chinese Recreation Club, yesterday's games saw the Saigon players give a more impressive display than in their previous matches, but found the local players just that shade above them.

With Ip Koon-hung occupied in making final arrangements for his Wimbledon trip, Edwin Tsai was brought in as a substitute in the afternoon's opening game against Saigon's Van Nua.

Deadly forehand drives and good length drives and lobs by the Saigon Champion caught Tsai repeatedly in his storming net tactics in the first set, enabling Van Nua to romp home easily by 6-2.

Playing more cautiously in the second set, Tsai took it by the same score. In the third set, Tsai enjoyed a good load of 3-1, when Nua in a spirited final stand reeled off four games in a row to lead 5-3.

With Nua serving and the score at 40-15 in his favour, Tsai successfully staved off two set and match points and went on to annex the next three games for match at 7-5.

A blazing fire that started on the hill opposite just before the second match of the evening between Van Sau and Dao took the greater part of the spectators' attention, as a result of which play deteriorated into a listless affair.

Van Sau was the more forceful in strokes, but Dao's stone-walling tactics and fewer errors carried him comfortably through in two straight sets 6-2 and 6-3.

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Born in Kidderminster, where he started his football career, Mountford succeeded Stanley Matthews as Stoke City's outside right but went to South America last year.

His year's contract ended early this month and though asked to renew, he decided to return home because of problems concerned with the education of his two children.

He will apply to the Football Association for reinstatement.—Reuter.

Straits Racing Association Suspects Dope

Penang, May 20.

The Straits Racing Association has just found out why there were some unexpected winners at the May horse races here.

It said it had "definite knowledge that dope" has been administered to certain horses.

The Association added "strong measures" were being taken to prevent such occurrences in the future.—Associated Press.

Cricket Club's Centenary Festival

The Hongkong Cricket Club will hold its Centenary celebrations next autumn and plans for this will be discussed at a preliminary meeting of the Club's Centenary Committee to be held tonight.

It is learnt that attempts are being made by the Committee to arrange either for an Australian or an English XI to come to Hongkong and play with local sides in what may be a fortnight's cricket visit.

Arthur Peall says:

THIS 'SIMPLE' SHOT NEEDS FINE TIMING

RATE this gentle pot from bailli more tricky than my diagram suggests. Aim must be almost full.

Full, pace slow, in spotted and the shot must fall.

Drag on white helps some players with this shot. When blue is spotted and the side cushion is slow, better position for striking the colour will be gained by striking white.

Side hitters will like my snooker. Blue hits against the side cushion and a vigorous run-through shot will secure a snooker that may win an important game.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SIXTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 2nd June, 1951

(Postponed from Saturday, 26th May, 1951)

There are eleven races. The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (11 Races—\$22.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Kwungtung Handicap" scheduled to be run on 8th October, 1951.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 1st June, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light and/or a white sphere at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED. Attention is drawn to Rule 23 of the Totalisator Rules which reads as follows:—

In no circumstances will any dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced.

Payment will not be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE. MEMBERS ARE INFORMED THE 1951 SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES, NOW SUPERSEDE THE PREVIOUS ISSUE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Room at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all debts etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Offices and the Comptroller's Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the present congestion in the Members' Betting Hall, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various entrances to the Members' Hall to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

BY ORDER,

S. A. SLEAP,

Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 2nd June, 1951, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 24th May, 1951.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Secretary.

PRESS

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SCM POST INVADERS MACAO



The SCM Post Sports Association football team again carried out their annual visit to Macao during the week-end where it was engaged in a friendly match with the Macao Wah Nam team. The Macao team was a strong side and had two interport players. Chung Keng-sang registered the first goal for the Macao side after 20 minutes play and Chung noticed another within a short interval, giving the Macao players a 2-0 lead.

During the second half, the Morning Post side attacked strongly in order to regain ground and Lau Chi-ping recorded the only goal for the visitors before the blowing of the final whistle.

The following were the players.

SCMP: Chung Shu-leau, Lau Chi-choi, Lau Chi-ping and Lok Kam-chuen; Shuen Kam-chi, Chang Chung-yong and Ng Chi-chung.

Wah Nam: Mak King-lui, Leung Koon-hung, Leo Hon-sun and Lam Hon-jung, Szeto Ki, Li Yuk-tun and Chung Keng-sang.

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G.	"PELEUS"	13th May	25th June
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"BENATTOW"	London, Hamburg & Antwerp	2nd July
"BENLEUCH"	Liverpool, Dublin, Rotterdam, Hull & Middlesbrough	10th July
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Russians Believed To Have 5,000 Planes In East

Washington, May 20.

Military intelligence officials estimated today that Russia has 5,000 of its 20,000 first line combat planes stationed in the Far East, far outnumbering the United States planes in the same area.

Officials discussed the Russian strength in the wake of Defense Secretary Gen. George Marshall's testimony before the Senate committee investigating Gen. MacArthur's dismissal.

Gen. Marshall said there were thousands of Russian planes in the Orient.

Intelligence officials said that indications are that Russia has an overall strength of 20,000 operational combat planes. In addition to 5,000 in the Far East, 7,000 are deployed along the Iron Curtain in Western Europe and about 8,000 stationed in the Soviet Union itself.

While the officials were reluctant to discuss the overall United States Air strength, the Air Force is now building toward 95 to 100 air groups, and there have been demands in and out of Congress that the total be increased as fast as possible.

The aircraft industry turned over 3,000 military planes to all branches of the armed services last year and President Truman asked the manufacturers to increase the annual production five-fold this year.

Intelligence officials said the Russian planes in the Far East are dispersed throughout territory east of Irkutsk and Lake Baikal, Siberia, so large numbers are now concentrated near Korea. But they pointed out that air groups can be moved rapidly even though Russia had difficulties or that score in World War II.

The presence of such Soviet strength in the Far East is

said to be the reason for the reluctance of General Hoyt Vandenberg, Air Chief of Staff, to strike by air beyond the Korean frontier in the peninsular fighting.

7,000 JETS

The officials said that Russia could turn loose all the 5,000 planes if necessary. They also said that the United States has as much air power based in the Far East as it feels it can spare now. The officials said that not all of Russia's planes are modern, particularly in the Far East.

The Soviets were believed to have an overall strength of 7,000 jet type aircraft, but officials declined to estimate how many might be in the Orient.

In this connection, newsmen in Korea had reported that American pilots, who inadvertently strayed beyond the Manchurian frontier, spotted American P-51s and F3Gs on the ground at Red bases. These types went to Russia under lend-lease.

Officials discredited reports that Russia has a superior all-weather and night fighter much advanced over the MIG day fighter.—United Press.

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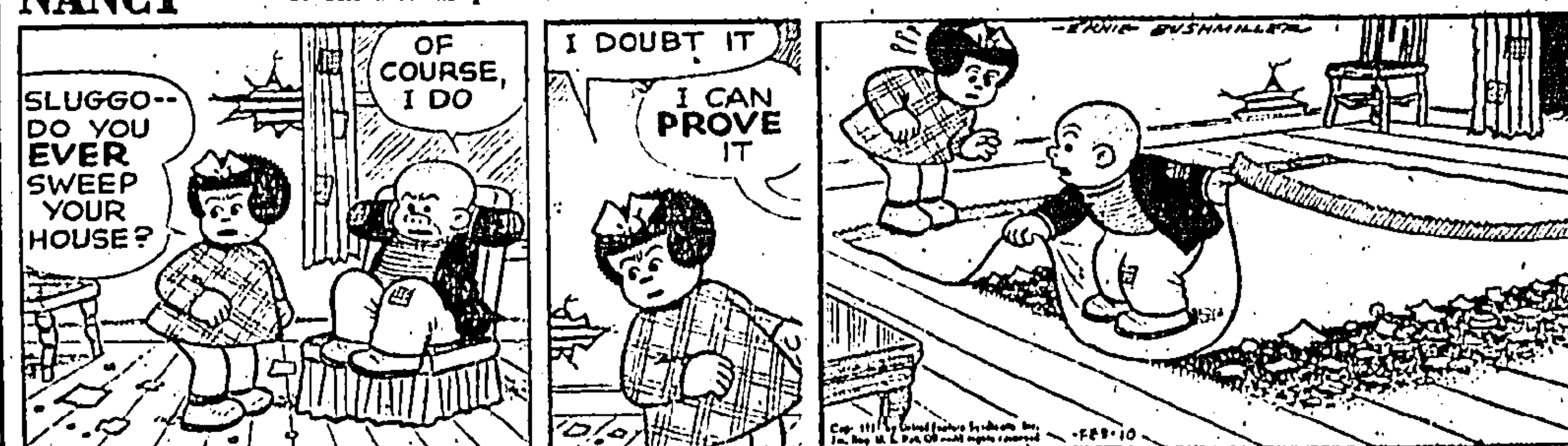
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Marshal Is Reinstated

Cairo, May 20.
Ferik (Field Marshal) Osman Mahdy Pasha, who was placed on the retired list last November pending an investigation into the Egyptian "arms scandal," was today reinstated as Chief of Staff by Cabinet order.

The trial of 13 men, including senior Army and Navy staff officers who are accused of irregularities connected with the supply of arms and ammunition to the Egyptian Army, was resumed today.

Ferik Mohamed Haidar Pasha, Commander-in-Chief of the Egyptian Armed Forces, today praised all 13 accused. They are charged with having "through fraud and forged invoices" facilitated the purchase of defective arms and ammunition, thereby exposing the Egyptian armed forces to danger during the Palestine campaign and of squandering State funds amounting to several million pounds.

All 13 described the charges as a "comedy" and claimed the investigation was "illegal." The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

PEKING MAKES A PROTEST

London, May 20.
Communist China today protested to the Universal Postal Union against its failure to invite representatives from Peking to the U.P.U. Executive meeting in St. Gall, Switzerland, tomorrow, according to a New China News Agency message picked up in London.

The protest said that any decisions taken without the participation of representatives of the Chinese People's Republic would be illegal and invalid.—Reuter.

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American Output Of Goods Goes To Record Heights

Washington, May 20.
America's output of goods and services boomed to an unprecedented \$313.9 billion a year rate in the first three months of this year, up \$42,000,000,000 since the Korean fighting began.

The Commerce Department, reporting this tonight, declared that the fundamental driving force that pushed the gross national production to new record heights was the Government defence programme.

Under the impetus, the nation's output speeded to an annual rate \$14,000,000,000 higher in the first quarter of 1951 than in the preceding quarter, a pick-up of roughly five per cent in an impressively short time.

Analysis of the Department's supporting figures, however, showed there were some catches:

1. Some of the gain was more apparent than real. Price inflation has caused dollar totals to rise more rapidly than physical output.

TREND SHIFTS

The trend has shifted in second quarter 1951, now just beyond its mid-point.

The price rise has slowed down considerably, consumer buying has fallen off sharply, and the defence programme is gathering speed, bringing orders for cutbacks in non-defence output to save materials and labour for defence.

Defence purchases for first quarter 1951 were at the rate of \$25,000,000,000 yearly, roughly twice as great as in the first half of 1950, which was the six months immediately preceding the Korean outbreak. —Associated Press.

Post Rates Up In U.S.

Washington, May 20.
The Inter-State Commerce Commission today authorized the Post Office Department to make an average 25 per cent increase in parcel post rates.

The action was taken on a petition that Postmaster-General Donaldson filed last October. Congress had refused Mr. Donaldson's request for general advances in virtually all postal charges, but directed that he take up the question of parcel post rates with the ICC.

The higher rates will go into effect on Oct. 1. —Associated Press.

Burma Cotton For Reds?

Rangoon, May 20.
The newspaper New Times of Burma said today that Burma is likely to resume export of cotton to Communist China shortly. The Government banned such sales five months ago. The New Times said the action would be taken as the result of an appeal by cotton growers who said prices had fallen seriously since imposition of the ban. There was no indication how much cotton is involved. —Associated Press.

CIVILIAN SUPPLIES TO BE CUT

Washington, May 20.
The Government today told civilian industry leaders that their supply of three strategic metals will be cut an average of 30 to 50 per cent below pre-Korean war levels.

But at the same time National Production Administrator Manly Fleischmann assured representatives of 57 major civilian goods industries their production would not be allowed to become a "casualty" of this mobilization programme.

He said Mobilization chief Charles E. Wilson is firmly determined that the civilian economy will go along at a reduced but ample and substantial rate.

Mr. Fleischmann disclosed that consumer goods manufacturers could expect an average 40 per cent cut in steel supplies, a 40 per cent cut in copper and a 50 per cent cut in aluminum.

These new curtailments for makers of such items as refrigerators, automobiles, radios and washing machines would apply during the July-September quarterly period.

Actual orders making the cuts are expected soon, to take effect on July 1. The reductions will apply to different industries in varying percentages.

At present, certain goods makers are cut 20 per cent for steel, 30 per cent for copper and 35 per cent for aluminum.

Plans for the new curbs were unfolded to more than 300 business executives called together on 48 hours' notice by the National Production Authority (NPA). —Associated Press.

Textile Mkt. Ponders New Rules

New York, May 19.
Worth Street sellers of cotton grey goods became too busy this week in figuring out where they stand under the new pricing regulations to do much business.

Satisfaction was expressed in various quarters after preliminary examination of the regulations. A few hoped that after many weeks of waiting the road at last has been opened for resumption of business into the third and fourth quarters. But more cautious executives withheld comment.

The burlap trade was cheered by reports that regulations to determine ceiling prices may be issued in the forefront of next week. Meanwhile, business was at a virtual standstill with constant fluctuations in the Calcutta market tending to make buyers and sellers even more indifferent.

Rayon grey goods activity was limited to seasonal items with prices about unchanged. —United Press.

Titanium Output Being Boosted

Pittsburgh, May 20.
The nation's largest producer of titanium is boosting output of the light, strong metal five-fold for its three customers.

Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation and National Lead Company, joint organizers of the Titanium Metals Corporation of America, are selling virtually all the titanium they make to the Atomic Energy Commission, the U.S. Air Force and Army Ordnance.

Only a tiny fraction of the output is kept for experimental works. —Associated Press.

Military First

Washington, May 20.
Manufacturers of softwood plywood were ordered today to set aside 20 per cent of their output for military priority orders, starting July 1. —Associated Press.

Emphasis On British Export Production Shifted To Textiles

ONE EFFECT OF REARMAMENT

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, May 20.

The rearmament programme has shifted the emphasis on export production away from the metal-using group of industries which supplied more than half of all last year's exports to the textile industries.

The drop in the value of our exports because of the need to retain more of the engineering industries' products at home will mean that exports of consumer goods all have to be increased this year by about £360 million. To what extent can the textile industries be expected to fill this export "gap"?

This week "The Economist" conducts a long and searching inquiry into the prospects for increasing our textile exports and concludes that these can be counted on to contribute more than an additional £60 million—or between one-third and two-fifths of what is necessary to fill the "gap" in our exports.

Even this comparatively small increase might not be achieved unless steps are taken to check the flow of textile goods to the home market.

Raw material shortages play an important part in our prospects for increasing textile exports this year. Already the rayon industry is faced with a 10 per cent cut in its production because of the shortage of sulphuric acid and this will have an adverse effect on the production of the cotton and wool industries.

The cotton industry faces a cut in its supplies of rayon sufficient to cause a serious upset to its plans to use more rayon to offset the shortages of raw cotton. Lower supplies of American raw cotton have been made good from other sources but the quality of some of these substitute supplies is inferior. Moreover, increased competition for rayon from the hosiery and knitting industry might result in lower activity and consequent loss of some of the cotton industry's labour.

The record high prices for raw wool, which led to the decline in purchases, were reflected in the drop in consumption during the six months up to last March—from 44 million pounds—but the substitution of reclaimed wool for virgin wool prevented output falling to the same extent.

Large stocks bought before raw wool prices began to rise are still held by some of the bigger companies and this has helped to offset the recent reduction in purchases by many merchants. Nevertheless, the wool industry will also feel the effect of the cuts in raw supplies, and "The Economist" predicts that some unemployment might develop here too.

MAIN BURDEN

Apart from these difficulties of raw material supplies the textile industries are themselves required to supply some £200 million worth of goods for rearmament—250 million worth this year. Wool cloth blankets and outer clothing from the wool industry will account for only a small proportion of this amount. Main burden will fall on the cotton industry whose defence output will consist of clothing materials and heavy cotton cloth for tents, gun covers and tarpaulins.

Production of goods in the latter category is already too low to meet even normal industrial demands, and efforts are being made to increase supplies of canvas goods from overseas sources. But less than half of the 15 million yards of canvas that will be needed this year has so far been ordered.

The British cotton industry has accepted defence orders for 35 million yards of drill canvas and cellular cloths but orders for a further 10 million yards could not be placed in this country and efforts are being made to place them abroad. Some orders have gone to Japan, and talks are going on to place more defence orders in Germany.

What, then, are the prospects for increasing British exports of textile goods in 1951? So far as the cotton industry is concerned the shortage of sulphuric acid will make it difficult even to maintain exports at last year's level. Prospects for the wool industry are not much brighter. Demand for British woolen goods remains high but even if Britain can prevent a fall in output despite the raw wool shortage it might find it difficult to find overseas markets for all its export production.

JAPAN NO MENACE

As "The Economist" points out, the governments of importing countries may find it politically inadvisable to permit an increase in imports

from Britain at a time when their national wool industries are partially unemployed. "The Economist" estimates the possible increase in wool exports at about £10 million at most.

Cotton exports on the other hand may increase by £50 million. There are several factors favouring such an increase.

High wool prices are beginning to result in increased consumption of cotton goods. There is, moreover, less likelihood of competition from Japan, which last year replaced Britain as the world's largest cotton exporter, because that country will probably be busy with American defence orders. Orders placed in Lancashire at the outset of the Korean war are big enough to maintain export deliveries at a high level for some months.

Key to the whole question of textile exports is, however, the level of home consumption. Demand for woollen goods will probably not slacken at least as long as domestic consumers see a possibility of prices rising still further. When the price of woollen goods reaches a level at which consumers are no longer prepared to buy, this demand will probably be switched to cotton and rayon goods, thus reducing our chances of increasing cotton exports.

STOCK EXCHANGE

The post-Budget boomlet in industrial shares received a setback this last week. This was not altogether unexpected as the recent rise in industrial share prices has been based on expectations of inflation, higher dividend payments and so forth that now seem to have been fully discounted.

But the backslide was caused more by postponement of buying than by any marked tendency to sell, although some of the more speculative holders of industrial shares, naturally chose this moment to take their profits.

One of the reasons for the fall in industrial share prices has been the continued decline of gilt-edged prices. The announcement that the World Bank is to raise a loan in London on terms which leave little to chance was a further factor in narrowing the differential between industrial shares and Government securities to a point which has caused equity holders to pull in their horns.

Moreover, investors did not have the incentive of dividend announcements of the kind that have recently served to justify their hopes of moderate, if higher, payments. On the contrary they were reminded that higher profits do not necessarily mean higher dividends when J. and P. Coats, the textile company, went against the present trend by announcing unchanged dividend payments despite a 20 per cent rise in group profits.

MOST SEVERE DECLINE

New York, May 20.
Stocks lost more than \$3,000,000,000 in the value of listed issues last week, in the most severe decline of the year.

In Friday's session prices crumbled. The Friday break was the second of the week. On Tuesday, the list also crumbled. Prices tumbled sharply in many lines but the recovery failed to carry through.

Railroad shares apparently suffered more than most other issues in the decline. Selective buying continued in a long list of issues. In the Thursday recovery traders concentrated on commodity stocks. Among more active specialties were issues in the pharmaceutical, chemical and tyre departments. —United Press.

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"EASTWAY" 1st June
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"TASMAN" 17th June
"TUIWANGI" 17th June

SAILINGS

End May
6th June
Early June
22nd June

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MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA and SOUTH AMERICA

ARRIVALS

"TUBADAK" In Port
"TUTTALENGKA" In Port
"TASMAN" 22nd May
"TUIWANGI" 22nd May

SAILINGS

12th July
18th July

JAPAN

ARRIVALS

"TASMAN" Early June
"TUBADAK" 10th July
"TUTTALENGKA" 10th July
"VAN HEUTS" 26th May
"TUTTALENGKA" 26th May
"TUIWANGI" 16th July

SAILINGS

22nd May
26th May
8th June
28th June

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JAPAN

ARRIVALS

"ARENSKERE" 10th June

SAILINGS

26th May

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